

LEADING SPANISH DAILY URGES PROTESTANT FAVOR

WASHINGTON (BP) — The leading Catholic daily newspaper in Madrid has called on Spanish Catholics to be good hosts to Protestant tourists this summer.

YA, The Daily, said this gesture "could be, among other things, a sample of the liberality of Catholic Spain—in other words, a way of destroying, little by little, the legend that has been built up of 'Intolerance'."

Alonso Alvarez De Toledo, secretary of the Spanish em-

bassy here, gave a copy of the YA editorial to the general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, Josef Nordenhaug of Washington.

The two have been in continuing talks over government restrictions on non-Catholics in Spain.

The alliance, serving 24 million Baptists in 110 countries, has pleaded with Spanish officials to remove all laws and policies hindering non-Catholics there in free exercise of their faith.

Nordenhaug termed "Hopeful" several recent developments in Spain. He cited an order of last June 6, directing Spanish military officers to excuse non-Catholic soldiers from duty which involved Catholic church ceremonies.

New Associational.

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ed by the local church. The new Stewardship Development Program for Baptist Associations published by the Southern Baptist Convention's Stewardship Commission, reaches every church marking vital contact with its leadership. In the Alton Industrial Baptist Association, Alton, Illinois, this program has proved to be a tool to do just this. Twelve of our eighteen churches did increase their stewardship during the past year. Six churches entered into the Forward Program of Christian Stewardship.

This association approached the task with a three-fold purpose:

1. Information

As the budget committee planned the associational budget, a study was made of the past giving records of each church as well as its potential. An analysis was made of the percentage given by each church to missions. This information was mailed to the leading church members of each church through a series of newsletters. Other related material was included. Further information regarding financial methods was provided through an associational stewardship clinic. Direct demonstrations were given concerning the use of all or any part of the church finance program materials.

2. Fellowship

A fellowship dinner was provided by the association for the selected leaders of every church. It followed the pattern of the Loyalty Dinner. When 108 churches leaders representing 17 of the 18 churches in an association enjoy fellowship and a free meal, many associational problems will be solved.

3. Challenge

The churches were challenged to increase their steward-

Feature Keeps Pastor In Mind

NASHVILLE—"The pastor's page," a new feature of the "Baptist Training Union Magazine," has been well received since its first appearance in the January Issue, said Dr. Philip B. Harris, Secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Training Union Department.

Content of the page includes answers to important, specific questions in the fields of theology, ethics, science, church polity and organization, and evangelism.

The page is designed with tabs stating the general subjects. It may be filed in a loose-leaf binder, as places are indicated for punching holes.

ship promotion by teams of laymen enlisted from the churches in the association to visit the churches. The men went out two-by-two giving stewardship testimonies and distributing materials.

Through A Stewardship Development Program for Baptist Associations many have reached who may not have been reached by the local church. They were given information, fellowship, and a challenge to do better work for the glory of God.

The 3,250,000-member new Lutheran Church in America, formed last June in the largest Lutheran merger in American Protestantism, began functioning formally January 1.



A DEAF CLASS class sings in sign language at St. Louis, Missouri. The work with the deaf in St. Louis is sponsored by the Home Mission Board. (HMB Photo)



Dr. John W. Landrum

Accepts Pastorate In Missouri

Dr. John W. Landrum, pastor of the First Church in Grenada since November 1952, resigned Sunday to accept the pastorate of the Kirkwood Church in Kirkwood, Mo., a large suburban area of St. Louis.

Long prominent in denominational affairs on both a state and convention-wide level, Dr. Landrum will begin his new work on the first Sunday in May.

He and his family will not move to the new field, however, until after school closes in Grenada.

With the Southern Baptist Convention he served six years on the Sunday School Board.

He is currently serving as the Mississippi member of the Home Mission Board.

On the state level he is a former member of the State Convention Board and president of its executive committee. He has been a member of the State Convention Board for many years, and at least seven years on the Executive Committee of this board.

He was vice-president of the State Convention at one time, and has served in various other capacities including membership on the Blue Mountain Board of Trustees and a Long Range Study Committee.

Dr. Landrum is a graduate of Mississippi College and of the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

He holds the B.A., B.D., Th.M. and Th.D. degrees.

He is married to the former Barbara Harrington, of Tallulah, La., and they have two sons, Rev. John W. Landrum, Jr., now attending the New Orleans Seminary and Jimmy of Grenada.

Dr. Landrum has only recently returned to the pulpit in Grenada having been absent on account of illness for several months. He has now fully recovered.

—THIRTY

Ex-Students . . .

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George Stokes, executive director of the Ex-Students Association, denied the charge, stating, "The Baylor Line has never been censured."

Earlier, the Association's Executive Board has passed a resolution instructing the executive director to limit reporting of the play incident to a brief factual review of the resignation of the members of the drama faculty and to the official statement of President Abner McCall on the subject.

Unofficial sources reported that the Baylor Line editor had written a scathing editorial criticizing President McCall's position, and that the Association Board of Directors, by passing the resolution was forbidding her to publish it.

Earlier Actions Endorsed

The Association's resolution endorsed two earlier actions by the Baylor Board of trustees which commended McCall for his stand in closing the play, and re-affirmed a long-standing policy prohibiting drama productions which include profanity, obscenity or which ridicule the Christian religion.

Mrs. Provence said she felt "My primary obligation has been to keep them (Ex-Students) in close touch with the university by giving readers full access to the truth in an impartial manner."

Stokes, however, said he did not feel that censorship was an issue. He pointed out that the resolution passed by the board of directors said that the primary objective of the Baylor Line is "To promote the welfare of Baylor University."

"The Baylor Line is not a piece of public property but is an internal publication of the Ex-Students Association, much like the publication of a business or industry," he said.

"Since this is the case, the publishers of the Baylor Line have a right to expect fair and accurate accounts of stories that affect the association and the university it supports."

"Frances Provence is an editor of outstanding ability and a good personal friend," he said. "I regret this difference of opinion."

Mrs. Provence, wife of the editor-in-chief of daily newspapers in Waco, Austin, Port Arthur, and Lufkin, Tex., had served as editor of the Baylor Line for 10 years.

A device capable of handling up to 70 billion bits of information has been delivered to the Air Force by the Itek Corporation. By means of photographic film negatives, known as chips, the machine can file, store, and retrieve information from medical photo-



ROBERT COLEMAN, minister of music of First Church, Tupelo, will lead the music for the Man and Boy Rally scheduled to be held at Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, April 15.

1,650 Won . . .

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mound. After the prelude, the Hardin-Simmons Cowboy Band paraded from right field down the first base line.

The band from Abilene, Tex., stopped at first base and performed an intricate maneuver they call "The Cow Step," yelling and waving their cowboy hats. The crowd stood in awe and applauded their hearty approval.

Testimonies were given by two olympic champions—Miss Wilma Rudolph, Negro sprinter who won three gold medals at the Rome Olympics in 1960; and Shelby Wilson, olympic wrestling champion who is studying for the ministry at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex.

Caution Speaks

Caution told the crowd that God could use Japan for one of the mightiest spiritual awakenings in history.

Following the meeting, Winston Crawley, secretary to the Orient for the SBC Foreign Mission Board, said he hopes Southern Baptists will be much in prayer for every meeting in the Orient in April and May.

C. Wade Freeman, director of the Evangelism Division for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said the meeting was "Far beyond anything we had anticipated. It could be the beginning of world revival that will sweep across Asia and that will reverberate across America."

The meetings are co-sponsored by the Japan Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

graphs, from 50 to 80 pages of text, from an engineering drawing, from maps, or from digital information.

First Service In Parchman Chapel To Be On Easter

Chaplain F. O. Martin and Superintendent C. E. Breazeale of Parchman Penitentiary have announced that the initial service at the new chapel at Parchman will be held on Easter Sunday.

The service, to begin at 10 o'clock on April 14, will be held for an inmate congregation. Chaplain Martin, a Baptist preacher for more than 40 years, will deliver the morning message.

Fred Hoerner, Jackson, owner of Delta Millworks, and principal donor of funds for the chapel, will bring the invocation. Mr. Hoerner furnished approximately \$13,000 worth of materials for the chapel. Prison inmates furnished the labor.

A group of Parchman inmates will provide special Easter music at the chapel service.

The chapel, to serve all faiths, was dedicated a year ago. For lack of a security fence, the building could not be used until this date. Chaplain Martin states that services will now be held regularly.

The Cooperative Missions Department Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dr. Foy Rogers, Secretary, has provided song books, a folding organ, a projector, and filmstrips for the chapel. The department also sends Sunday school and Training Union literature and devotional materials regularly to Parchman.

A bundle of 75 Baptist Records is mailed to Chaplain Martin each week.

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traditions, I say to you that our church-related liberal arts colleges must be preserved. Indeed, if such institutions did not exist already we would have to invent them," spoke Mr. Branch.

Mr. Branch's closing remarks included the question: "How can William Carey or any other Christian liberal arts college survive?" Answering this question, he said, "It can survive as long as its trustees, students remain steadfast in their devotion to its special mission; and so long as it has the active and continuous support of the churches, its alumni and friends, and the public generally of the area it serves. Let me emphasize the necessity for community support."

William Carey is a Baptist college and is the only four-year church-related institution in South Mississippi. The year 1963 has been set aside for special development emphasis by the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Its student body has grown from 277 in 1956-57 to 656 in current enrollment.

The completion of the new woman's dormitory by September will provide for 152 additional students next term. This will be the seventh new building which has been constructed on the Carey campus since 1956, which leads President Noonkester to say: "I have experienced a miracle in the life of a college."

German Pastor . . .

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audience at New Orleans Seminary, April 3.

According to the German churchman, the Biblical concept of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour is no longer thought of as important by a majority of "so-called Christians."

"Human strength, power and might are the things that really matter to our generation. Christians are supposed to be disciples and followers, but today, to trust in 'somebody' other than yourself is considered a trait of weakness."

This is the chief reason that Christianity is losing ground, stated Dr. Niemoeller. "The gospel has lost its life-center. The place of Christ has been filled with his teachings."

He explained that many denominations have assumed the authority to select and interpret the ethical principles of the Bible to fit "their optimistic self-confidence."

"This type of Christianity is about Jesus Christ," Dr. Niemoeller stressed a return to dependence on Jesus Christ as Lord and awareness of responsibility to Him.

Dr. Niemoeller was a German Submarine Commander in the First World War. After the war, he studied for the ministry and was named pastor of an influential Berlin Lutheran Church. By opposing Nazism,



Dr. Russell Bush, Jr.

Liberty Church To Celebrate 125th Anniversary

Liberty Church will observe the 125th anniversary of the organization of the church Sunday, April 14. Plans for the combination anniversary-homecoming include an old fashioned "dinner" on the grounds. Speaker for the 11:00 A.M. service will be Dr. Russell Bush, Jr., Miss. State Baptist Convention president. In an afternoon service at 2:00 P.M., a special program of Easter music will be presented by the Church Choir, directed by W. M. Smithson, minister of music.

The church history will be given in an address by Rev. John Milton Causey, native Amite Countian, pastor of First Church, Denham Springs, Louisiana.

"All non-resident and former members of Liberty Church, together with former pastors, families and friends of the church are invited to enjoy these services with the folks in Liberty on Easter Sunday," declares Rev. S. R. Pridgen, pastor. The church was organized on April 14, 1838 with 109 members. Present membership statistics reflect 660 members.

Nelson Tull Dies

In New Orleans

Funeral services were held April 3 in New Orleans for Nelson Tynes Tull, followed by interment in Magnolia, Miss. Mr. Tull died at the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans Monday afternoon, following an illness of several months. He was in his 88th year.

He was born in Livingston Parish, Louisiana on February 26, 1876 and began his career in the banking business in Magnolia, Mississippi, later going to a bank in Brookhaven, Mississippi.

His work for the Baptists of Mississippi and Louisiana began in 1917, when he was appointed Budget Stewardship Director for Mississippi Baptists. In 1924 he moved to New Orleans to become business manager of the Baptist Bible Institute, now the New Orleans Seminary.

He was at one time Moderator of the New Orleans Baptist Association and served various churches in Mississippi and Louisiana as deacon as well as in many other capacities.

He is survived by his widow, the former Virginia Holland, of Paducah, Kentucky. Six sons, William Porter Tull, Alexandria, Virginia; Benjamin Lawrence Tull, Houston, Texas; Howard Morgan Tull, Westfield, New Jersey; James Nelson Tull, of Arlington, Virginia; Walter Tynes Tull, Corpus Christi, Texas; Samuel Franklin Tull, Metairie, Louisiana; and one daughter, Mrs. Virginia Oppenheim, New Orleans and 13 grandchildren. He is also survived by one brother, the Rev. S. E. Tull, Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

The services were conducted by Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Church of New Orleans. Mr. Tull's six sons served as his pall bearers.

Martin Niemoeller, head of the Evangelical Church of Hesse and Nassau and a co-president of the World Council of Churches, is lecturing and preaching in the United States. His itinerary includes New York City; Madison, New Jersey; New Haven, Connecticut; Harrisburg and Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; Northampton, Massachusetts; Dayton, Cleveland, and Akron, Ohio; Putney, Vermont; Huntington, West Virginia; Pensacola, Florida; and Tulsa, Oklahoma.

he earned the enmity of Hitler and spent several years in concentration camps as the Fuehrer's personal prisoner.

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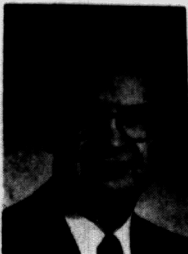
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From the Church Architecture Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, W. A. Harrell, Secretary, Hardie C. Bass, Jr., A. I. A., Chief Architect and Ellis B. Evans, Consultant, will come to participate in the program and special conferences. The opening session will begin Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 p. m. and continue through noon of Wednesday.

Special conferences may be arranged by committees, pastors, architects, and others. These personal conferences will be held Wednesday afternoon, April 24. All conferences should be scheduled by writing Bryant Cummings, Box 530, Jackson 6, Mississippi.

For reservations at Gulfshore, write A. L. Nelson, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Miss. for registration-insurance fee.

CALENDAR DATES
May 5-12 Christian Home Week
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August 19-23
Write A. L. Nelson, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly for rates and reservations.

— Nominating Committees for Associations and Churches should begin selection and nomination now.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Center Ridge (Yazoo): one profession of faith; 42 rededications; Rev. Fred Robertson, Parkway, Natchez, evangelist; Rev. T. C. Pinson, pastor; W. A. Parsons, music director.

Ridgecrest Church, Jackson: Dr. Grey Allison, evangelist; James Hayes, song leader; 103 decisions; 74 additions to the church; 47 coming by baptism, 27 by letter; 25 for rededication; and 4 surrendering for full-time service; Rev. Fred Tarpley, pastor.

Byram Church "one of best revivals in 19 years"; 25 additions by baptism; 12 by letter, 3 surrendered to Christian service; 21 other decisions; Rev. W. D. Martin, Jackson, who is in full-time evangelistic work, evangelist; Rev. Henry J. Bennett, pastor.



JAPAN'S PRIME MINISTER Hayato Ikeda (with hat) greets leaders in the Japan Baptist New Life Movement. The prime minister is presented with a portrait by New Life Movement Director Shuichi Matsumura of Tokyo (left). Watching are K. Owen White of Houston, Tex. (second from left), and T. A. Patterson (right), both officials of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. New Life Movement officials had a 15 minute audience with the high government official and invited Ikeda to attend services of the Movement. — (BP Photo)

The Miracle Of The Resurrection

By Dr. Eric C. Rust

Professor of Christian Philosophy
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The Christian faith is grounded in the historical fact of the Resurrection of Christ. Deny this and the whole is shattered. If Christ has not been raised our faith is in vain. Furthermore, we are still in bondage to sin (I Cor. 15:17). Paul with clear insight sees that the Cross without the Resurrection is not victory, but defeat. Like an erratic boulder in the movement of human history there stands that moment when the God-man returned from the dead, when the stone was rolled away and the Incarnate Lord came forth in his post-resurrection splendor. This is the miracle that makes all other miracles credible, and it is the miracle which creates faith. We have to do, not with a dead, but with a living Lord. Napoleon and Washington, Lincoln and Cromwell may moulder in the dust of the past, but the Christ is Risen, a living presence down the story of time, a present to men of every age as other big figures of history cannot be. In this world, where time runs its inexorable course, and where the shadow of death and dissolution covers all historical existence, one man has stayed the inexorable movement and caused a saving light to shine in the darkness that covers the peoples. But he has done so because he is God as well as man.

When we describe the Resurrection as a miracle, we are affirming that it was no accident, no contingency of history, no inexplicable exception to the normal processes of human existence, but the act of God. Immanuel, God with us, rose from the dead. Here the mystery of the Incarnation reached its consummation. The divine purpose in human history was actualized in one life and made redeemingly possible for all men by faith. Here the Christ was declared to be Son of God with power. That which was hidden beneath the flesh and blood of his humanity was disclosed in his risen splendor. The God in the man shone forth and his disciples could behold his glory. To deny the Resurrection is to deny the essential meaning of the Christian revelation and to suggest that our God is not the Lord of history. Here is the final skandalon, stumbling block, to which as Christian men we commit ourselves. Foolishness to men, it is the crowning manifestation of God's power to those who believe.

I. The Fact of the Resurrection

In our own time the historical actuality of the resurrection has been challenged frequently. The latest group to do this consists of the followers of the German scholar, Bultmann. They contend that the resurrection as historical actuality is incompatible with the findings of modern science and that it must be treated as an attempt, on the part of the Church, to preserve the truth that Christ was still a living reality. We shall later deal with the scientific issue, but let us at once dismiss the suggestion that faith in Christ creates the resurrection. The latter becomes thereby an imaginative way of expressing inner experience rather than an historical event. The truth is surely that the Resurrection created faith. The Gospel records, the narrative of Acts, and the Epistles of Paul testify clearly that, until the Resurrection morn, the disciples were a despondent and defeated group. It was the miracle of Easter that created faith and

brought to birth in their hearts the conviction that Jesus of Nazareth was indeed Son of God with power.

The Resurrection has two aspects — a public and a private. The public aspect is the empty tomb and the rolling away of the stone. In their diversity the Gospel testimonies all point to this. Their difference in detail serves to affirm the authenticity of their testimony, for it reminds us that here we have to do with the memory of many eye-witnesses, a memory curiously unanimous unless grounded in fact. Furthermore, it is clear that this fact of the empty tomb was sufficiently well-known for Jews and others to endeavor to explain it away. Hence, the suggestion that the disciples had stolen the body (Matt. 28:13ff.), which continued in circulation down to the time when Matthew's gospel was written.

The private aspect was the appearance of the Risen Lord to his disciples. He appeared only to his disciples. Here attempts to explain such appearances as subjective visions or to employ explanations from spiritualistic phenomena will not suffice. Our Lord rose in bodily form and thus confronted his disciples. The very bodily resurrection made recognition possible. It implied a continuity between the historical life and the risen mode of existence. It assured them that the personality and experience of Jesus of Nazareth was a reality beyond death. If scientific skeptics raise their eyebrows, the answer is that we do not know enough about the physical energy of what the human body is composed of to be so dogmatic. We know what energy does and forms it takes, but we do not know its essential nature. We have no right to affirm that the Creator could not transform it within the Empty Tomb to take on a glorified form. Glorified it was, for our Lord could both take on his physical aspect and yet pass through closed doors. Thomas could put his hands in the wounds, and the Risen Lord could share a meal with his disciples, yet he could be in Galilee and Jerusalem at almost the same time. This glorified body transcended our distinctions of space and time. Wedded to the eternal Word by whom all things were ordered and created, it was so under his control that it could be physically recognizable, taking its earthly form, and yet pass into another dimension which transcends our creaturely existence in space and time (cf. I Cor. 15). So our Lord could make himself visibly and bodily present to faith.

II. The Conquest of Death and Sin

The disciples were quite clear that this Resurrection meant that sin and death were defeated. Our Lord was the first fruits of them that sleep (I Cor. 15:20). He had shown himself to be the resurrection and the life (John 11:25). He had brought life and immortality to light.

The Biblical testimony clearly binds us to the ultimate meaning of death with sin. The tree of life is in the Garden. Historical man in the wilderness, alienated from God and barred from the Garden, cannot eat of the tree of life. Sin spells death (cf. I Cor. 15:56). Death is the ultimate separation of the sinner, the final judgment of historical existence upon his sin. To be delivered from sin is to be delivered from death. Our Lord rose from the dead to open the Kingdom of heaven to all believers. The most terrible thing about death is

its demonic grip over our human existence. All our lives we live in fear of death, not knowing.

Whither, stepping forth, my soul shall see
Fresh prospects, or fall sheer, a blinded thing.

There is, O grave, thy hourly victory,
And there, O death, thy sting.

But Christ has conquered death. In reconciling us to God, he has removed the fear of death. In his book of eastern travel, Eothen, A. W. Kinglake tells of a night on the desert when they pitched their tents in the sand with no sign of inhabited land. But that night an Arab stalked out of the camp across the sands. He returned in the morning with a fresh green blade of rice. He had been to the realm of life and brought back its first fruits! So our Lord was raised from the dead by the Father to be the first fruits of the realm of life. In the midst of the shadow of death, new hope comes to birth. Christ has conquered death and brought life and immortality to light through his Gospel (II Tim. 1:10). In his reconciling sacrifice, he overcame sin, and, in his resurrection, he conquered death. Cross and Empty Tomb constitute two facets of one great triumphal act. Beyond death is Christ, and to die with him is gain.

III. The Unveiling of Eternal Life

Paul is clear that because Christ has been raised from the dead, the believer may come to share in the life of the same victorious quality. By faith, the believer too has died with the Lord and already been raised with him (Rom. 6:4, 5; 8:11). In the husks of the old man, a new man is already being brought to birth. Though the outward man perish, yet the inward man is being renewed daily (II Cor. 4:16). The Johannine testimony makes it clear that in Christ the believer has eternal life as a present possession. This is the life of the future age, the life of the eternal Kingdom, a life free of the limitations of space and time, a life from which the shackles of sin and death have been struck off. The believer has it. He, too, is dead in Christ. Death as a physical phenomenon awaits him. But he is already with the Lord (Rom. 6:11). The fear of death and its separation have gone for him. He is already living with Christ and he knows the freedom of the sons of God.

In Crime and Punishment, Dostoevski tells the story of a wasted life redeemed by human trust. He tells of Sonia driven to become a prostitute by poverty and of Raskolnikov whose thwarted ambition leads him to commit a revolting murder. The two meet. Sonia has still her New Testament, and she opens it at the story of the raising of Lazarus. She reads this story because she dare not tell her own. Her womanhood, stricken by death, waits in eager longing for the voice that wakes the dead. As she reads: "I am the Resurrection and the Life," her voice trembles. But she goes firmly and boldly to read the confession of Martha and make it her own: "Yea, Lord, I believe that Thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world." So we make our confession, for we, too, are Lazarus, and behold, in Christ, we live!

four of our six seminaries deal exclusively with the local church. That does not mean that all the professors in those four seminaries believe that "church" is always used in a local sense in the New Testament. It does mean that those who drew up the abstracts of principle for these schools believed that one's position on the local church is the only essential characteristic of Baptist doctrine on the church question.

III. I have a book by one of our seminary professors in which he sets forth a position on the universal church idea that is directly contradicted by the last paragraph of the article under consideration. There are thousands of Southern Baptists in agreement with him. This raises a most serious problem: If the convention adopts the report of the committee as it is (thus including the statement, "The New Testament speaks also of the church as the body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all ages") what is to be the attitude of our convention toward this teacher and others with similar convictions? Are they to receive the treatment that they would if they denied the autonomy of each local church, or the necessity of a regenerate church membership? If the answer is "yes," we will experience such a split as Southern Baptists have never known. If it is "no," then we have admitted that a man's position on the local church is essential to his orthodoxy, but what he believes about the universal church is not. Let me again state my position that paragraphs one and two of Article VI are very vital, but paragraph three isn't necessary and should be left out.

Situation Possibly Changed
The seminary professor I mentioned above, teaches in a school that uses the 1925 "Statement" as its abstract of principle. We may presume

that he has had no difficulty in subscribing to it to date, but if the last paragraph of Article VI is allowed to stand the whole thing might be changed. He might be asked to subscribe to a statement in direct conflict with his beliefs, on the doctrine of the church.

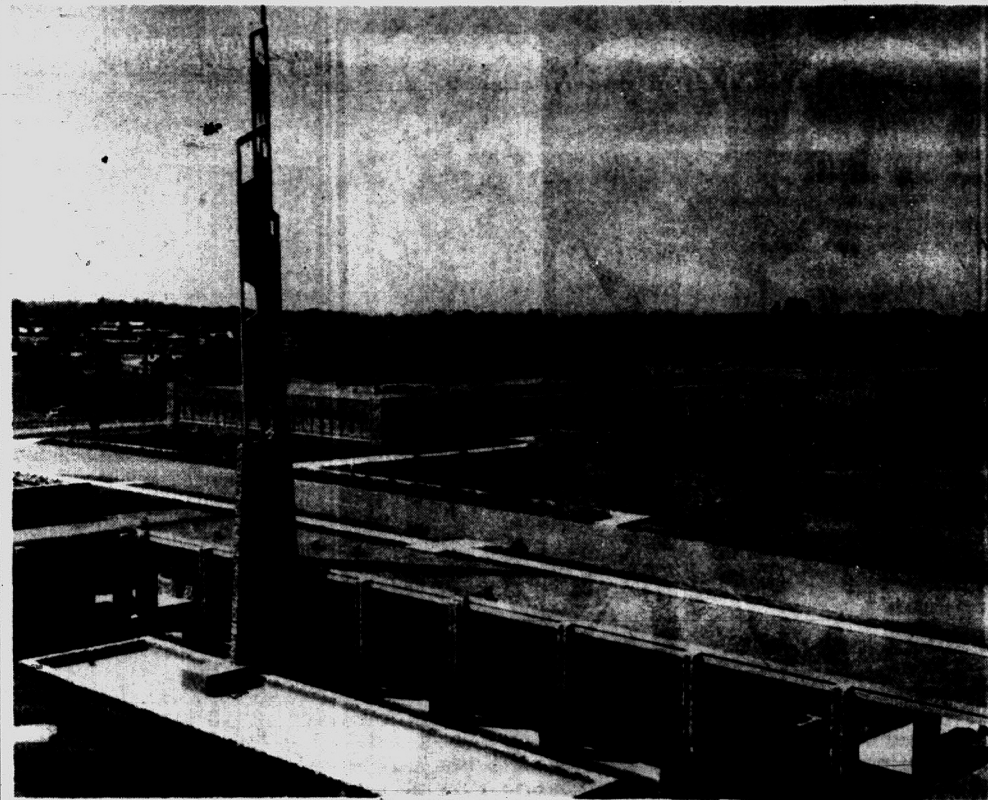
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I trust that Southern Baptists will exclude the last paragraph of Article VI of the committee's report when they come to consider a statement of Baptist Faith and Message this spring at Kansas City.

Thursday, April 11, 1963

THE BAPTIST RECORD 3



OPEN HOUSE—Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., will have open house Wednesday afternoon, May 8, for messengers attending the 1963 Southern Baptist Convention. The seminary will provide transportation to and from the Municipal Auditorium and its campus, which is shown in this picture. Further information will be available at the seminary's booth in the Convention exhibit hall. (BP) Photo.

Who Should Attend The Convention-Wide Evangelistic Conference—And Why

By C. E. Autrey
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The Convention-Wide Evangelistic Conference, July 24, in Dallas, is for every person, among Southern Baptists, who should be a witness. Who should witness? It is every Christian's job. The conference, therefore, is for the benefit of every one of us.

Every pastor, deacon, Brotherhood member, Sunday school superintendent, officer and teacher, who possibly can, should be there for their conference. Every Training Union and Woman's Missionary Union officer should attend. The program of the conference was designed to meet the specific evangelistic needs of these wonderful people. Evangelism is not merely the work of the preachers, it is a task of every child of God. In the program of the conference, this has been taken into consideration. The conference will be inspirational and instructive. We shall have entire sessions when the meeting will be broken up into small conferences for women, men, Sunday school teachers, Sunday school superintendents, deacons, pastors, etc. The best trained people in these areas will have charge of the discussion periods, which will consist of involvement, and not merely of lectures.

Four Sessions
Four sessions will be, altogether, for inspiration when Dr. Baker James Cauthen, W. A. Criswell, Warren Hultgren, Ramsey Pollard, Billy Graham, and others, will lead us in high and holy hours of inspiration.

Why this first Convention - Wide Evangelistic Conference? It is primarily to launch our plans for the great crusade in the year 1964.

More than a hundred leading personalities in evangelism, and in other phases of our great work, will seek to help each person present to see that God needs him in this great effort and that he can be used of God to win souls in 1964.

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create a longing to see a revival now. It should lead all present to want to have part in the great Jubilee year. It should deepen our spiritual

lives and cause us once again to depend on the Holy Spirit for Divine Power and spiritual conquest. It could and must be a veritable Pentecost.

Baptist Mission Opens In Trinidad

Southern Baptist missionaries began their formal program of work in Trinidad on Sunday, February 24, with a service in Diego Martin, a suburb of Port of Spain. Of the 55 people present, 13 declared their desire to be members of the mission and future church and others pledged their support and co-operation. (Three of the 13 came for baptism.) The missionaries, Rev. and

Mrs. Emit O. Ray, arrived in Trinidad the last of July, but it was December before they were able to secure permission to begin work. Even then they could find no place for a Baptist chapel, partly because of religious opposition.

He wore the crown of thorns which we had deserved, that we might wear the crown of glory which he merited.

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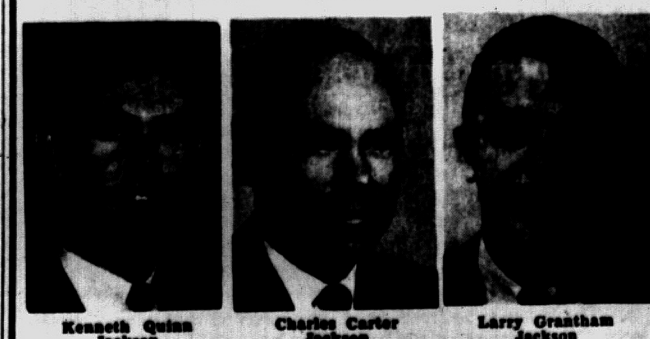
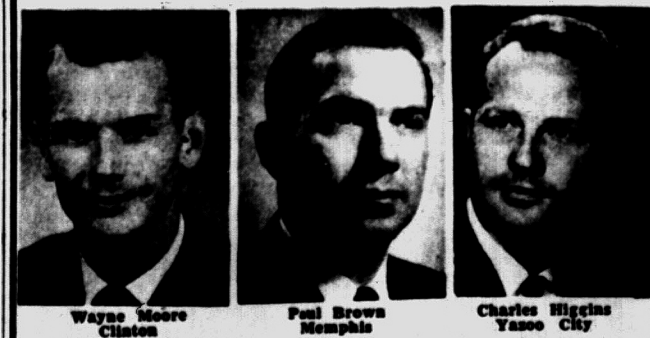
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Last Call For — MAN AND BOY RALLIES

April 15—Harrisburg Church, Tupelo
April 16—First, Yazoo City
April 18—Liberty
April 19—Highland, Laurel



The above personalities will appear at one or more of the Rallies. Dr. Donald Rourke, Yazoo City, not pictured, will also appear. A photo of Robert Coleman, Tupelo, who will be on program, appears elsewhere in this issue.

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A QUESTION RAISED— Statement Of Faith

By R. A. Long, Roswell
New Mexico

The privilege of serving on the "Statement Committee" was one of the greatest blessings of my life. The fellowship within the committee was a joy to experience, and I have only praise for every member of it; however, I must take issue with one article in the report.

What I have to say is not a minority report, because I did not write this in conjunction with any other member of the committee.

I am opposed to one part of the new (suggested) version of the Statement of Baptist Faith and Message, as found in the report of the committee. I have reference to Article VI, which is entitled "The Church." It reads as follows:

"A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a local body of baptized believers who are associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the two ordinances of Christ, committed to his teachings, exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth.

"This church is an autonomous body, operating through democratic processes under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. In such a congregation all decisions are made by the members. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons.

Last Paragraph Problem
"The New Testament speaks also of the church as the body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all ages."

My problem is with the last paragraph. I believe it should be omitted.

I do not understand it to be the purpose of the committee

to state what a majority of its members thought Baptists should believe, but rather to sketch in broad outline those common characteristics of faith, message and practice which do now, and have through the years, made us a distinctive people.

I definitely do not believe that the last paragraph of Article VI states an essential tenet of the common faith of Southern Baptists.

I list below my objections to including it in our "Statement."

I. Many Southern Baptists do not believe that the New Testament speaks of the church as the body of Christ, which includes all of the redeemed of all ages. I maintain that they don't have to believe so to be orthodox Southern Baptists.

There are all shades of opinion of the universal church idea among us. Some believe the word "church" is never used in other than a local sense in the New Testament. Others understand the universal church, not as a present day reality, but as something that will exist in the future. Some think of it as a mystical body that exists now, but with no possibility of tangible expression. No doubt some hold more ecumenical views; however, I believe most Southern Baptists would shy away from an attempt to elevate any universal church concept to the place of importance of the local church in practical ecclesiology.

Diversity of Views
The diversity of views about the universal church is not new among us. Southern Baptist giants of past generations were also divided on the subject.

Why should we try to give any one view a position in the "Statement?"

The 1925 statement of "Baptist Faith and Message" entitles the article on the church (Article XII) "A Gospel Church." It deals exclusively with the local church. Absolutely no reference is made to the universal church idea.

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track" today?

I am a "local church" man myself, but I do not claim that those who differ with me on the universal church ideas are less Southern Baptist than I. I would be as much opposed to putting my idea about the universal church into the "statement" as I AM THEIRS. Let me illustrate what I mean: There is no word in the "Statement" about the millennial view one should hold. I would support that nearly every Southern Baptist has some opinion about the millennium; but we do not agree on it, and nobody claims we have to; therefore, no position on the millennium is given in our "Statement." It is deemed sufficient to say, "Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised, and Christ will judge all men in righteousness."

There are certain things one must believe about the local church to be a "solid" Southern Baptist. He must believe it is composed of baptized believers, it is an autonomous body, and that it is democratic in polity, etc. That much is essential; but I doubt that we are wise to bring in non-essentials such as the third paragraph in the article we are considering.

If we need precedence for including our view on the universal church as other than local, there is plenty.

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William Carey Campaign

Mississippi Baptists have outstanding educational institutions in Mississippi College, William Carey, Blue Mountain, Clarke and Gilfooy School of Nursing. All are doing splendid work in providing "education with a plus" to the more than three thousand young people who are enrolled this year.

Support for these institutions comes from the regular denominational budget, special campaigns and endowment. Facing the fact that all capital needs can never be met by the Cooperative Program alone, the Mississippi Baptist Convention voted several years ago to allow each college to go afield in special campaigns to secure those funds. During the past three years three of the institutions have had campaigns and the response has been most generous. Now the time has come for William Carey College to make her drive and it is already under way.

William Carey College, located in Hattiesburg, has made tremendous progress in the past few years. Numerous new buildings have been erected (seven major buildings in seven years), the faculty and curriculum have been greatly strengthened, and full accreditation has been achieved. The school is now one of the fastest growing colleges in the Southern Baptist Convention.

This institution is meeting a vital need in a most strategic area. No section of the state is growing faster or has a brighter future. As the whole area grows, more and more students will be seeking admission. William Carey is trying to make the finest possible provision for those already enrolled, and is preparing for future needs as well.

William Carey College deserves the support of every Mississippi Baptist. The school is providing the kind of educational program which Mississippi Baptists want their institutions to give. The trustees and administration are doing a tremendous job with the resources available to them. They simply must have the funds they are seeking in the present campaign if they are even to begin to meet the potential that is now before them.

Mississippi Baptists should give this campaign their full support. Gifts large and small, from friends all over the state, are needed now. Each gift will be an investment in the future of youth, the future of Baptists, and the future of Mississippi. Miracles have been happening at William Carey in the past few years. Gifts made now will make even greater miracles come to pass in the days ahead.

The Virgin Mary

The National Catholic Welfare Conference in Washington reports that Archbishop John Murphy of Cardiff, Wales, "has called on Protestants to state clearly their attitude on Mary, mother of Christ."

Asking the World Council of Churches to declare itself, Archbishop Murphy said: "The privileges of the mother of God are either fact or fiction, either cold solid theology or pious rapid heresy. They are not pinned on the mother of God by a dotting papacy or a pious episcopacy. They are not honorary decorations. They are already there in essential Revelation. All the church did was discover them."

We do not know how the World Council of Churches will answer, nor does it make any special difference to us, since Southern Baptists have no relationship whatever to that body. Neither do we consider Baptists to be Protestants in the truest sense of the word. Nevertheless, we think the Archbishop should be answered, and Baptists can answer him clearly and quickly.

As far as the Bible is concerned, the so called "privileges" of Mary as they are taught and used by the Roman Catholic Church, are, in the Archbishops own words, "fiction" and "vapid heresy." They are "pinned on" by a "dotting papacy" and were "invented" and not "discovered."

There is no teaching whatever in the Bible that Mary had any part in salvation, that she is to be venerated or worshipped, that she had special experiences in birth or death, or that prayers are to be made unto her.

Mary was a good woman who was especially privileged because God chose her to bear his Son. She was a virgin until she gave birth to the Son of God, but afterward lived the normal life of a wife and mother, bearing other children and evidently living an average life span. Nothing is told in the Bible concerning her death, but there is not the slightest hint that it was other than normal.

There is not one iota of evidence in the Bible that Mary was ever worshipped, or that prayers were to be made to her. The Roman Catholic doctrine of "immaculate conception" (teaching that Mary was born free from original sin) was not pronounced as an official dogma of that church until 1954. The doctrines of "perpetual virginity" "assumption into heaven" and "praying unto Mary" are all of Roman Catholic origin, and not one is taught in the Bible.

If anyone denies that Roman Catholics pray unto Mary let them read the "Litany of the Blessed Virgin" where the expression "pray for us" is repeated more than 40 times. It begins "Holy Mary, pray for us. Holy Mother of God pray for us. . . All of this is utterly foreign to the Scriptures.

Wendell Rone, in his book BAPTIST FAITH AND ROMAN CATHOLICISM, summarizes the Baptist attitude toward Mary as follows:

a. Baptists believe that Mary was highly honored by the Lord in being chosen to become the mother of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

b. They also believe that she was a pure and holy (as any Christian may be holy—Ed.) woman.

c. They pay additional honor to her for manifesting such a spirit of submission to God in this matter and others.

d. They recognize her as being one of the most eminent characters among the women of both the Old and New Testaments.

e. They believe that Mary was the mother of Christ's humanity; and that Christ, as God, was Mary's creator, existing from all eternity.

f. They also believe that Christ was Mary's Saviour. "God my Saviour"—Christ was God manifest in the flesh. Acts 4:12; Luke 1:47-48; John 1:14.

g. Baptists gladly and fully respect the teaching of every reference in the Scriptures to Mary; but they do not find one which teaches us to pray to Mary, invoke her or worship her.

h. No sound Baptist will ever say one derogatory word concerning the Saviour's mother.

"If we are to witness for God we must recover the manliness of holy anger. Our weakness is in our silence. Our powerlessness is in our neutrality. Paul leans across the centuries to shake us from our complacency—'Be angry!'"—Gordon Climan.

Never let a difficulty stop you. It may only be sand on your track to prevent skidding.

"GOD RAISED HIM UP, HAVING LOOSED THE PANGS OF DEATH, BECAUSE IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO BE HELD BY IT." — ACTS 2:24



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New Books

THE ZONDERVAN PICTORIAL BIBLE DICTIONARY, Merrill C. Tenney, General Editor (Zondervan, 928 pp., \$9.95).

A completely new, fully illustrated one volume Bible dictionary. There are more than 700 photographs and a Bible Atlas with 22 new full color maps, most of them covering two pages. The more than 5,000 entries include all Bible subjects plus discussions of numerous important doctrines. The material is fresh and based upon the very latest findings of scholarship and archeology. The book is attractive in appearance, very pleasing to the eye in type face and format, and will be a book that will often be used. It will be a valuable addition to the library of the preacher, or the layman, and should be placed on the reference shelf of the church library.

ACTS — LIFE IN ACTION by Roy L. Laurin (Dunham, 497 pp., \$4.50).

A devotional commentary on the Book of Acts. The author pictures the young church, the coming of God's mighty spiritual power upon it, and the active witness that resulted. Sometimes discussing a single verse

and sometimes a paragraph, the author presents clean outlines, lurid interpretation and stimulating application. He takes each experience of this young church and seeks to find its background, its meaning, and its effect. This reviewer felt that he wanted to make a new study of Acts, using this book as one of the guides.

THE LAYMAN'S BIBLE COMMENTARY: Vol. 8 — Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job; Vol. 15 — Minor Prophets, Micah, Zephariah; Vol. 17 — Mark; Vol. 24 — Hebrews, James, 1-2 Peter. Boxed (John Knox Press, 140 to 176 pp., \$7.00 boxed set, or \$2.00 per volume).

Four more volumes of the twenty-five volume set, designed to meet the need for a Bible tool written in laymen's language. Gives introductions, section by section commentary, and special notes, in the light of latest scholarship. Helpful, but not exhaustive coverage of the material.

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS by Clarence S. Reddy (Baker, 141 pp., \$2.75). Another in the series PROCLAIMING THE NEW TESTAMENT, which majors on pre-

senting usable material for preachers and speakers. Following the format of other volumes the author discusses each chosen section as to Historical Setting, expository Meaning, Doctrinal Value, Practical Aim and Homiletical Form, with special emphasis on the homiletics. The entire book is covered and the student should find many practical speaking ideas.

JOURNEYS OF ST. PAUL by William R. Cannon (Macmillan, 276 pp., \$4.95).

The author, who is Dean of Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Atlanta, in the period from 1951 to 1960, visited every place that Paul visited during his lifetime. As an avid student of Paul through many years, Dr. Cannon chose this plan of visiting the sites of Paul's work as a means of further study of the apostle. He says that the book is not a theological or historical essay on Paul, neither is it an atlas or geography. It is rather a living report from the wide, open world where the Apostle lived and worked. The student of Paul will find much valuable background material in these pages.

THE UNCOMMON MAN by Paul Harvey (World W-3184-L P).

Two messages by one of America's best known and most effective speakers. The first is "The Uncommon Man" and shows the fallacies of mediocrity and that leaders must rise above the average. The other message is "All Men Are Not Created Equal" which shows in a startling manner that while all men may be equal before God they are not in their position, opportunities, etc., in the sight of men. Outstanding messages that most of us need to listen to more than once.

Calendar of Prayer

April 15—Mrs. Esta H. Spell, staff, Mississippi College; Edisto Phillips, Jasper asagational Brotherhood president.

April 16—Alton Barber, Copiah associational Training Union director; Mrs. Ronie Hurst, Sharkey-Issaquena associational WMO president.

April 17—Frank Horton, Baptist Student Director, Mississippi State University; Mrs. J. R. Tillery, Seminary Extension Department.

April 18—Mrs. Myrah Riley, faculty, William Carey College; Ora Calhoun, Baptist Book Store.

April 19—L. Gordon Sansing, Baptist Building; Mrs. C. A. Schotte, Baptist Building.

April 20—Roy V. Ellise, Blue Mountain College faculty; Preston W. Beatty, Clarke College faculty.

April 21—Mrs. Karl McGraw, staff, Baptist Children's Village; E. P. Burke, Carroll-Montgomery superintendent of missions.

BAPTIST BELIEFS

By Herschel H. Hobbs
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Oklahoma City, Okla.

THE ONE MEDIATOR

The word "mediator" (mesites) appears six times in the New Testament (Gal. 3:19-20; 1 Tim 2:5; Heb. 8:6; 9:15; 12:24). It appears in the Old Testament (Septuagint) one time as "daysman" or umpire (Job. 9:33). In Hebrews 8:17 the verb form is rendered "Confirmed" or interposed (mesiteno). The root word for these two forms is mesos. All three are found frequently in the papyri.

Mesos means "middle." Mesites may be rendered "the one in the middle" or the "mediator." This latter word is used of Moses as the "medi-

ator" of the law (Gal. 3:19-20). In Hebrews it speaks of Christ as the "mediator" of the new covenant (8:6; 9:15; 12:24).

In classical Greek mesites referred to an "arbiter" or one who settled a difference between two people, thereby effecting a reconciliation. The office was also common in Roman life. It was sometimes used of one who went bail for another, guaranteed his debt, or was his surety for money borrowed from a bank. In matters of reconciliation the "mediator" must perfectly represent both parties, and do all within his power to effect a reconciliation.

It is in this light that we can best understand 1 Timothy 2:5. Literally it reads, "For one God, also one mediator (mesites) of God and of men, a man Christ Jesus." Sin separated between God and men. Hence the need for a "mediator" to effect a reconciliation. The English versions (A.V., S.V., R.S.V.) reads "one mediator between God and men." It suggests three persons: God, man, Jesus. But the Greek reads, "... one mediator of God and of men. . . ." (author's italics). Jesus is the "mediator" who partakes of the nature of both God and man. Thus in Christ Jesus who is truly God and truly Man both God and man meet in reconciliation (cf. II Cor. 5:19-21).

Jesus is "God with us" (Matt. 1:23) offering reconciliation. He completely identified Himself with man, apart from sin (Heb. 4:15-16). In His sinless life He fulfilled the demands of God's holiness. Knowing no sin, yet He became sin for us (II Cor. 5:21). In His vicarious death He "gave himself a ransom for all. . . ." (I Tim. 2:6). Thus in Christ Jesus, the "one mediator of God and of men," is effected a reconciliation. God offers it by grace; man receives it through faith in Him who partakes of the nature of both God and man.

Pages

From The Past

By J. L. Boyd

40 YEARS AGO

Dr. R. B. Gunter, Executive Secretary of the Convention Board, was having a time in seeking a way to avoid having to pay taxes on the Baptist Headquarters Building on the corner of Capitol and President Streets, Jackson. A part of it was being rented to the Draughton Business College.

The Church at Senatobia had just completed the construction of a home for their pastor, Rev. Charles H. Moffat, valued at \$8,000, on a lot valued at \$2,000.

25 YEARS AGO

Layman Chester McAleander of Holly Springs Baptist Church "Has been present and on time at every Church service for ten years." And "Has missed only three Sundays in fifteen years."

The Wesson Baptist Church in 1890 had the largest membership of any Baptist church in Mississippi—640 names on the church roll. The secret of this was that Wesson had the largest industry in Mississippi, The Mississippi Cotton and Woolen Mills with a capacity of 6,000,000 bales of cotton and two million pounds of wool being processed annually. The Mills had eight hundred looms, with 5,000 spindles whirling, day and night, operated by one thousand employees.

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There are still many people, moreover, who need to be reminded that mental illness is not imaginary. The patient cannot just "get hold of himself," or "snap out of it," or lift himself by his own mental bootstraps. He is sick and needs professional medical help at the earliest possible moment.

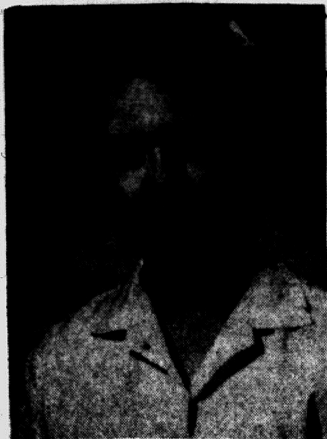
What can you do about mental illness? When it strikes a member of your own family, you can continue to love and accept the sick member in spite of his sickness. You can treat this mentally ill member of the family as a patient, giving emotional support through continued acceptance and continuing assistance at this time when he needs it most.

You can bear in mind that the fruit of salvation is compassionate service to just such needy humans. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." You can lead the psychotic person encouragement, sustenance, and strength as he gradually makes his way back into the rational world of reality.

And even though mental illness may never strike your family, you can ill-afford to ignore the problem. You can throw the weight of your influence into the struggle for the improvement of treatment facilities for the mentally ill.

You can cast your ballot for those men and measures concerned with the solution of this problem. You can cultivate your compassion.

In this connection, I can't think of a more helpful thought than the one expressed by the Apostle Paul, "God hath not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."



STUDENTS OF BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE have elected the two top student officials for the 1963-64 session. Martha Buchanan, left, Pine Bluff, Ark., is the newly elected President of the Student Government Association, and Barbara Jett, at right, Mobley, Mo., is the new President of the Baptist Student Union Council.



Permissive Silence Has Its Perils

By Allen O. Webb
Pastor Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson

"Silence is Golden" is a statement that has been made frequently and is applicable in multitudes of areas. "Silence is Cowardly" is a statement that has been oft repeated and is just as true as the preceding statement in great numbers of instances. Where there is compromise, silence is the easiest way out. The person is not engaged in conflict, and people in general will say, "He is a good fellow" instead of calling him a radical or bigot. This is a good way of self preservation; however, it can hardly be classified as a way of preserving righteousness and the Christian way of life.

One person has correctly declared that all that is required for evil to prevail is for good people to do nothing. The permissive, passive silence of Christians actually contributes to the onward march of vice, immorality, drunkenness, dishonesty, and ungodliness of every sort. When no clarion voice is heard from the pastor or layman, it lends great encouragement to the evil protagonists to proceed even further than anticipated.

Jesus spoke out against sin and was crucified. The disciples spoke out against sin and were beaten, imprisoned and eventually were numbered among the martyrs. They gave themselves; however, the entire course of history was changed by the outstanding declarations of Jesus and His disciples. No great objective has ever been reached through silence. No great victory has ever been won by permissive silence. Gigantic moral structures crumble and empires of godliness fall from the destructive force of termites of silence.

Silence Would Build Saloons Our permissive silence will build a saloon on every corner and will build gambling casinos on every street. We can expect this within 10 years unless God's people stand up and express themselves. Our permissive silence will pluck the flower of purity from our girls, and will send our boys staggering from one place of ill fame to another. Our permissive silence will build houses of prostitution and dens for homosexuals. It will reduce our churches to the level of religious clubs with no transforming mission and with no

power nor magnetism. Our permissive silence will sweep our Sunday School Young People along with the current of those who willy swing, twist, and who go through all types of sexually suggestive gyrations and contortions in the name of a so called wholesome good time. We must remember that it is next to impossible for the same voice that wilyly shouts and responds to the call "Let's Twist" on Saturday night, to stand in solemnity and dedication to sing "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" on Sunday morning. We become greatly concerned about the physical integration of the races, but seem not to give a second thought to singing the songs of the lower class of Negroes, using their dances, patterning after their morals, and in general lowering our standards to become compatible with that of the lower class of this minority group. Our real goal should be to help them instead of letting their worst become the pattern for our best.

World In Confusion The world is in confusion. Chaos is threatening from every shadow. People are looking for an anchor. A Church that proclaims the message of God and holds up His standards will build a better society, transform lives, and turn many to the saving power of Jesus Christ.

We are free to speak out today. The light of Christ Jesus can shine brightly through us today. With our Lord's message, Baptists can transform our society. There could be no greater tragedy than for us in complacency to refuse to rise to the challenge of the hour. Tomorrow may be too late. The cost may be tremendous, but the contribution for our Lord's kingdom will be stupendous. "He that saveth his life shall lose it. He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

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COOPERATIVE WORK—Several leaders from the Home Mission Board and the State Convention Board met in the Baptist Building in Jackson to discuss the cooperative work of the two boards in Mississippi. From left, standing: Dr. Wm. P. Davis, secretary Negro Work Department; Dr. Foy Rogers, secretary Cooperative Missions Department; Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, and Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, associate executive secretary, all of the State Board. Seated: Dr. Loyd Corder, secretary Department Language Group Ministries; Dr. Arthur Rutledge, director Division of Missions, and L. W. Cruze, assistant secretary in charge of Juvenile Rehabilitation Home Mission Board.

Names In The News

Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Martin, pastor and wife at Providence Church, Lawrence County, have a new baby girl, born March 9. The new baby has three sisters, Redona, Regina, and Beverly.

Rev. Lincoln D. Newman, of Jackson, state director, Juvenile Rehabilitation, was author of an article in the March Royal Service entitled "A Juvenile Delinquent, for Example."

Rev. Everett Denton has resigned as pastor of Mt. Horeb Church, Lauderdale County, effective April 14, to become pastor of Monroe Church, Monroe, Arkansas.

Vivian Langley, native of Camp Hill, Alabama, former education director in Natchez, and former missionary to Africa, is teaching at Bluewater Bible Institute, established September, 1962, at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. She received the Bachelor of Theology degree

from Southwestern Seminary in 1946.

Rev. Billy Ray Mathis of Wade has been called as pastor of Magnolia Church, Jackson County.

Miss Irene Chambers, field worker, Home Mission Board, was the featured speaker for the Simpson County association WMU meeting held April 8 at Mendenhall Church.

Rev. Jimmy Burleson, formerly of Abilene, Texas, has announced the moving of his office to Palm Springs, California. He is a former student at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene. Since 1959 he has been in the field of church revivals and tent revivals. His new address is Box 1258, Palm Springs, California.

Rev. John W. Crosby is the new pastor at Walnut Church, Quitman County. Rev. Crosby came to Walnut March 17 from Georgia.

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PROGRAM FOR ELEMENTARY WORKSHOPS

Presiding: Bryant Cummings Kermit King
Miss Edwina Robinson

9:30 Meditation Miss Abbie Louise Green
Book Store Announcements Miss Kathleen Wright
Introduction of program personnel and assignment of conference rooms
Miss Evelyn George
Miss Carolyn Madison
Miss Waudine Storey

10:00 Conferences
Baby and Toddler Miss Florrie Ann Lawton
Two and Three Year Mrs. Ada Rutledge
Beginner Mrs. R. S. Entminger
Miss Abbie Louise Green
Miss Nora Padgett
Primary Miss LaVerne Ashby
Mrs. Herbert L. Green
Miss Elsie Elves
Music in each conference Mrs. Nettie Lou Crowder Jones

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Training Union Directors
WMU Presidents
Directors of Children's Work

Conveners Panelist
Miss Edwina Robinson Miss Evelyn George
Bryant Cummings Miss Carolyn Madison
Kermit King Miss Waudine Storey

12:00 Lunch
Sack lunches—coffee and cokes available for purchase; parents responsible for children during lunch hour.
Visit Book Store
12:45 Conferences Same as morning
3:30 Adjourn

The Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Union and Training Union Departments are joining hands in the promotion of these Elementary Conferences in Mississippi, April 15-19, 1963.

Here is the schedule.
April 15, Parkway, Jackson, April 18, Harrisburg, Tupelo
April 16, Temple, Hattiesburg, April 19, 1st, Greenwood



Miss Florida Waite

Librarians Hold Banquet Meeting

The Hinds County Association Library Organization will hold its banquet meeting April 16 at 7:15 p.m. at Woodland Hills Church in Jackson. Miss Myrtis Foster, Jackson, president, said the principal speaker would be Miss Florida Waite, approved library worker for the state of Florida and formerly director of the Church Library Service of the Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Master of ceremonies will be Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Hinds Superintendent of Missions. Up to 100 church librarians and library workers from the associations are expected.
—THIRTY

Broadman Book Is Translated Into Japanese

NASHVILLE — A Broadman Press publication titled "Grace Sufficient" has been translated into Japanese and published by Jordan Press, publishing house of the Japan Baptist Convention.

"Grace Sufficient" is a scripture collection compiled by Wayne E. Oates, professor of psychology of religion, Southern Seminary, Louisville, was published by Broadman Press in 1962.

Woman's Missionary Union

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The Whole Family Tithing

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Modern day Christians seeking to contribute a worthwhile life of service sometime fail to fulfill the basic outline for fellowship as given in the scriptures. This may be true in several areas of the Christian's life but all are not as evident as one in particular—that of tithers and non-tithers. The tithe is the Lord's and a worthy objective is ours if we seek to increase at least 15% of the membership of every W.M.S. as consistent and active tithers.

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Oak Hill (Pearl River): April 11-12; Rev. John I. Jacobs, evangelist; Rev. Homer A. Yarborough, pastor.

Center Hill (DeSoto): April 28-May 5; Rev. Thomas Drake, Forrest Hill Church, Shelby County, Tennessee, evangelist; Rev. Wade Taylor, pastor and song leader; Mrs. Percy Pounders, Jr., pianist.

New Home: April 12-16; night services only; Rev. Bill Massey, pastor and evangelist. A social for the young people and intermediates will be held after the Saturday service.

Magnolia Street Church, Laurel: April 15-21; Hyman Appleman, evangelist; Ellis R. Zehr, music Director and soloist.

Longview (Oktibbeha): April 7-14; Rev. Lewis Curtis, pastor, First Church, Calhoun City, evangelist; Jack Wallace, church song leader, singer; Rev. H. C. Rash, pastor.

Friendship, Aberdeen (Monroe): April 14-20; Rev. Walter Burrell, pastor, Immanuel Church, Columbus, evangelist; Rev. Norris Garner, pastor-singer.

Oakvale (Lawrence): April 7-12; Rev. Toxie Hedgepeth, pastor, Second, Brandon, evangelist; Ted Summers, song leader; Rev. J. D. Thompson, pastor. Night services only during week.

Flowood Church: April 14-19; Rev. C. M. Grayson, evangelist; Chastaine Flynt, song leader; Rev. B. H. Benton, pastor; nightly services at 7:30.

Union, First Mission: April 14-19; Rev. Lee Hudson, Arrowood Church, Meridian, evangelist; Rev. James E. Allen, pastor and song director.

Pass Road, Gulfport: April 14-26; Rev. Ralph Walker, pastor of Unity Church, Pascagoula, evangelist; A. B. Rutland, minister of music, Pass Road, song leader; Rev. John W. Wade, pastor.
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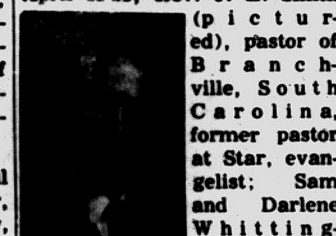
Bellevue Plans Sunrise Service

Bellevue Church, Lamar Association, will have a Sunrise Easter Service Sunday, April 14 at 6:30 o'clock. The choir will sing "Low in the Grave

Calvary, Jackson: April 14-21; Eddie Martin, (pictured) evangelist; Douglas Scott, minister of music.

First, Columbia, singer; Dr. Joe Tuten, pastor; services at regular times on the Sundays; 7:30 p.m. during the week.

Woodville Heights, Jackson: April 15-21; Rev. J. E. Smith (pictured), pastor of Branchville, South Carolina, former pastor at Star, evangelist; Sam and Darlene Whittington, in charge of the music; Rev. James Bule, pastor and choir artist.



First Church, Okolona: April 22-28; Rev. Clifton Perkins (pictured), pastor at First Church, West Point, evangelist; Miss Elsie Arledge, church music and educational director, song leader; Rev. Allison Bell, pastor.

He Lay." Rev. Burl T. Patterson, Pastor, will deliver the morning message. Following the Sunrise Service, Sunday school will meet. The public is invited.

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Christ Is Risen

By Clifton J. Allen
Mark 15:42 to 16:8

The Gospel of Mark comes to an end with the triumphant truth of the resurrection of Jesus. From this vantage point we can look back and see the full meaning of Jesus' earthly ministry, and we can look forward to discover the full potential of redemptive work in human history.

His resurrection confirms every claim he made before his death and guarantees the fulfillment of every plan he has for the future. Our Bible lesson is Mark's simple affirmation of two cardinal facts: Jesus was buried—a proof of his death; Jesus was raised from the grave—the proof that he is both Savior and Lord. Our study of the Gospel should have increased our knowledge and strengthened our conviction relative to the mighty works of Christ and what the message of his gospel can mean to the world.

If Christ be not risen! The "if" is not for doubt but for emphasis. Christ is risen! No fact is more certain. No truth has greater power. Nothing else matters so much as faith in and commitment to the living Lord.

The Lesson Explained
CHRIST WAS BURIED (15:42-47)

The apostles seem to have forsaken the dying Savior. But another disciple, Joseph of Arimathea, a member of the Sanhedrin, who previously had kept his faith a secret, was stirred to daring boldness. He went now to Pilate to ask for the body of Jesus that he might give it appropriate burial. At last Joseph was trying to atone, as much as he could, for not having come out in the open to declare his faith and his loyalty. Pilate wanted, first of all, to confirm the fact that Jesus was actually dead. When the fact was established, Pilate gave approval to Joseph's request. He then, with the assistance of Nicodemus (as we learn from John's Gospel),

took the body of Jesus from the cross, wrapped it in fine linen, placed it in a sepulcher hewn out of rock, and closed the sepulcher by rolling a large stone before the entrance. Mark tells us all these facts in simple fashion. The death of Jesus was actually accomplished—the physical life expired—the sacrificial offering for sin was made. The burial was a confirmation of this fact. The location of the grave is not established. We know that Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus took careful note of the place of burial.

CHRIST WAS RAISED (16:1-7) As soon as the sabbath was over these women—Salome joining with them—brought sweet spices, and early on the morning of the first day of the week they came to the grave to anoint the body. They found to their amazement that the stone was already rolled away from the entrance and that the sepulcher was empty. The body of Jesus was not there. Instead, they saw an angel who, first, calmed their fears and, then, affirmed the fact of the resurrection and the absence of the body as undeniable proof. He charged them to go and tell the disciples that Jesus would precede them to Galilee, as he had told them previously, and there they would see him. The angel specifically named "Peter": his Master had not rejected him because of the cowardly denial the night before the crucifixion.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the supreme fact confronting the world. The purposes of God from eternity to eternity were accomplished by his resurrection. The eternal Saviorhood and sovereignty of Jesus were confirmed by his resurrection.

GO—TELL! The words of the angel to the women suggest the central truth in apostolic preaching. The early Christians knew the power of the living Lord in their experience, and wherever they went they declared the central reality of their faith: Christ is risen. This was the heart of their witness. Their faith was anchored in a historic fact. It was confirmed in a living experience. The power of the Roman government, the guards at the tomb, the manufactured alibis of the chief priests—none of these things could prevent the resurrection of Jesus or silence the witness of those who were his followers. The mission of Christians is the declaration of this witness to the world. Go—tell! Go everywhere, to all people of all races and tongues, of all classes and nations. Tell them about Christ. Tell them that he died for our sins, that he arose from the dead, that he is able and ready to save all who will receive him as Savior.

Truths to Live By The resurrection confirms the gospel.—Consider the basic truths of the Christian gospel. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. The wages of sin is death, but God

offers the free gift of eternal life through Christ. All persons have sinned, but whoever believes in Jesus Christ shall be saved. Sin will not have dominion over the Christian, because Christ is able to save unto the uttermost all who come to God through him. Christ has conquered death, so that whoever lives and believes in him will never die. Christ is ascended to the right hand of the Father; he will come again in judgment and great glory for the consummation of his kingdom. All these glorious truths of the gospel are established and made certain by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave.

The living Christ confronts us.—The historic fact of the resurrection means nothing unless it means that Christ is alive in the world now. He is our eternal contemporary. He confronts us to say, "Give me your life, and I will make it like God and make it the instrument of God's eternal purpose to save the world." He confronts us at the time of waywardness and with full knowledge of our disobedience and indifference. He confronts us with divine resources to give us victory over every spiritual enemy. He confronts us with the invitation to become daring adventurers in the conquest of righteousness over evil and the conquest of love over hate. He confronts us with the triumphant assurance that he will not fail nor be discouraged until he has established justice in the earth.

Baptists Plan Special Services For Jews

ATLANTA (BP) — Southern Baptist churches have planned special services for Jewish friends for April 15-21.

The week's emphasis, an annual event called Jewish Fellowship Week, will include music programs, sermons, teas, and other meetings at which the Christians and Jews will meet on a social basis.

William B. Mitchell, of Atlanta, assistant secretary of the City Missions Department of the Home Mission Board, said the major emphasis will come on April 21.

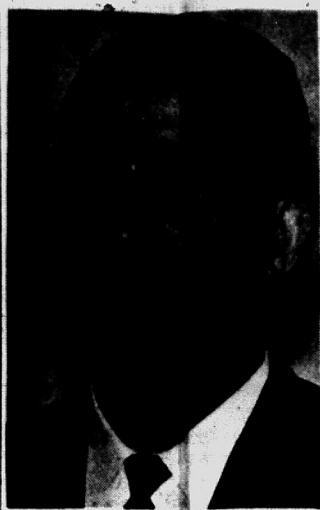
On that Sunday many of the churches are beginning the study of "Christianity and World Religions." A chapter will be given to the study of Judaism.

Byram Announces Sunrise Service

The Easter Sunrise Service for Byram and the surrounding area, will be held at the Byram High School football field on April 14, at 6:30 A.M. Rev. H. G. Winstead will preach the sermon, assisted by Rev. Tom Jackson and Rev. William Patrick.

Miss Brenda Battle will be the pianist, and Levi Mulligan will direct the choir. All the churches in the area are participating in this program. The public is invited.

We would have fewer parent-child problems if parents would learn that mealtimes should be friendly. — Ruth Howard in April HOME LIFE.



Rev. R. L. Jordan

Pine Grove Calls Maben Pastor

Rev. R. L. Jordan, pastor of Maben Church, announced his resignation effective April 1, to Picayune.

During the past six years of his pastorate at Maben there were 112 added to the membership.

During his six years at Maben all departments of the church established new record goals; the entire operation of the church was departmentalized; the WMU established auxiliaries for children of all ages; and a Brotherhood was organized.

A unified Church Budget was adopted. The church budget increased from \$8,000 to \$18,500. Church missions were more than doubled, an electric organ was installed, and the music program greatly improved.

Improvements to the building included installation of a central heating and cooling system, new furniture for the educational building and complete renovation of the church sanctuary and purchase of new pews, drapes, and wall to wall carpets.

Pastors Commend Gifford, Mosley

The Southwest Mississippi Pastors' Conference, (Franklin Haire, president) meeting at Siloam Church, March 18, passed a resolution of commendation of Rev. W. R. Gifford and Rev. Fred Mosley. These two pastors, former members of the Southwest Pastors' Conference, have answered God's call to pioneer missions.

The resolution stated that "Rev. W. R. Gifford and Rev. Fred Mosley served faithfully, Gifford two years as vice-president of the Pastors' Conference; and it is the desire of this Conference to lend to them its full moral and spiritual support."

50-Voice Choir Sings Cantata At Monticello

The Seven Last Words of Christ, a cantata by Theodore Dubois, was presented in the Sanctuary of the Monticello Church at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 7. A 50-voice choir composed of the church and chapel choirs of the Monticello Baptist Church and members from the choirs of the Monticello Methodist Church and Monticello Presbyterian Church participated. The choir was conducted by James W. Ratcliff. Accompanists were Mrs. W. G. Biggers, organ, and Mrs. Johnnie Rutledge, piano, both of Monticello Church.

Soloists for the Sunday afternoon performance were Mrs. Jewell Campbell, soprano; Kendall Smith, a tenor; and Leslie L. Thompson, baritone. All three live in Brookhaven.

Ricks Has First High School Commencement

Ricks Institute, Baptist school near Monrovia, Liberia, held the first commencement exercises for its enlarged and improved high school department, Friday afternoon, February 22, with four young men, in purple caps and gowns, receiving diplomas.

Though Ricks Institute is more than 75 years old, it was only recently elevated to full high school status. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. This step came about partly as a result of a program of co-operation begun two and a half years ago by the Foreign Mission Board and the Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, which operates the school.

Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance
Training Union Attendance
Additions To The Church

APRIL 7, 1963

Aberdeen, 1st	379	126
Arbor Grove (Chl.)	130	100
Artale	75	66
Baldwin, 1st	262	1
Belden	177	96
Bellevue (Lamar)	111	104
Bethel (Rankin)	98	46
Bethel (Copliah)	183	120
Blount:		
Emmanuel	327	131
First	601	204
Big Ridge	200	105
Brandon, 1st	430	206
Brookhaven, 1st	874	353
Main	791	274
Halbert Hgts.	83	40
Byram Memorial	99	46
Calhoun City, 1st	328	139
Canton, Center Terrace	325	129
Carthage, 1st	283	103
Catterson (Leb.)	171	104
Cedar Grove (Greene)	128	76
Cleveland:		
Morrison Chapel	150	101
Calvary	226	141
Immanuel	266	100
Collins	282	140
Columbia, 1st	68	27
Crowder	301	138
Crystal Springs, 1st	664	214
Eastabuchie (Leb.)	1087	357
Forest	323	93
Florence, 1st	344	148
Georgetown	99	65
Greene, Emmanuel	359	111
Greenville:		
Parkview	354	127
Emmanuel	173	72
First	1087	357
Main	895	312
Greenfield	115	45
Chilhowie	97	
Greenwood:		
Calvary	543	240
North	481	140
Guilford:		
Pass Road	195	118
First	961	335
Grace Memorial	268	91
Northward Chapel	33	33
Hattiesburg:		
Temple	436	178
Central	358	202
38th Avenue	266	150
First	639	257
Main Street	890	353
Wayside	27	25
Hillsboro	101	51
Houston, 1st	423	174
Main	55	49
Parkway Chapel	394	188
Indianola, Second	294	188
Jackson:		
Robinson St.	394	132
Southside	363	180
Braine	189	108
Woodland Hills	726	283
Alta Woods	907	411
Milway	373	189
50th St.	501	257
Oak Forest	90	68
Magnolia Park	901	460
Parkway	971	460
Ridgecrest	198	75
Grandview	1108	428
Daniel Memorial	1631	651
Calvary	108	51
Main	68	81
Mission	671	294
Van Winkle	147	95
Raymond Road	147	95
Woodville Heights	397	219
Hillcrest	364	138
McLaurin Heights	264	138
Emmanuel Mission	184	104
Broadmoor	1882	578
First	1882	578
Highland	336	188
Briarwood	230	148
West Jackson	467	189
Crestwood	423	174
McDowell Road	213	96
Forest Hill	184	83
Kosciusko:		
Parkway	301	96
First	302	94
Main	872	189
Maple Chapel	21	15
Laurel:		
Magnolia St.	638	231
West Laurel	461	212
Highland	418	189
Wildwood	418	189
Beeson Ave.	418	189
First	184	104
Plainway	184	104
Lyon:		
Roundway Mission	264	108
Long Beach, 1st	435	130
Main	435	130
Mission	435	130
Ludlow	94	47
Magee, 1st	442	139
McComb:		
South	185	43
Central	232	92
Navilla	232	121
Meridian:		
Westwood	115	101
Highland	702	209
Hickory Grove Chapel	130	49
Calvary	435	183
Main	435	183
Fewell Survey Mission	21	13
Pine Springs Mission	123	76
Fellowship	470	223
South Side	440	194
Main	103	47
Fulton Avenue Mission	103	47
Arkadelphia	899	281
Fifteenth Avenue	473	239
State Boulevard	364	170
Oakland Heights	564	170
Poplar Springs Drive	189	102
Eighth Avenue	189	102
Midway	171	72
St. Olive (Prentiss)	224	83
Natchez:		
Morgantown	226	183
First	562	203
Parkway	504	203
New Albany:		
Northside	184	69
First	686	230
Pascagoula:		
Eastlawn	461	256
Main	435	130
Mission	435	130
Germany Mission	18	18
First	723	196
Main	111	71
G. C. Nursing Home	116	96
Orange Grove	150	63
Pearson (Rankin)	117	70
Petal	113	72
Petal, Crestview	182	122
Petal, Temple	589	187
Pecayune, 1st	589	187
Main	31	21
Mission	113	109
Philadelphia, N. Calvary	113	109
Pocahontas	78	95
Pontotoc, 1st	468	190
Prospect (Perry)	43	15
Quitman, 1st	328	111
Randolph	71	33
Richard (Rankin)	309	142
Richmond	183	90
Roedale, 1st	173	70
Ruth	58	47
Sardis (Copliah)	84	33
Springfield (Scott)	108	57
Star	130	68
Starkville, 1st	951	388
Stonewall, 1st	195	72
Terry	389	90
Tupelo:		
Harrisburg	704	294
East Heights	313	184
Parkway	209	85
West Jackson St.	180	91
Calvary	972	199
Tutwiler, 1st	162	70
Union (Pearl R.)	214	104
Vicksburg, Trinity	218	94
Water Valley, Second	107	52
West End (Winston)	132	27
West Point, West End	263	160
West Point, First	525	238
MARCH 31, 1963		
Amory, First	617	200
Mission	528	211
Main	78	40
Bethel (Rankin)	94	49
Bellevue (Lamar)	111	104
Byram	359	120
Duncan	111	41
Hillsboro	232	145
Greenville, Parkview	354	127
Petal, Temple	184	108
Olive Branch	218	94
Rocky Hill	181	101
Tupelo, First	483	193



Cliff Temple, Natchez, Dedicates New Educational Building

Cliff Temple Church, about nine miles south of Natchez, dedicated its new educational building Sunday, March 24.

This multi-purpose building, with a new concept in educational space, is planned for a forty per-cent saving in floor area and money. The first of its type in Mississippi, designed by Elwood Reames, Architect and Associates of Lake Charles, Louisiana, it has flexibility incorporated in its structure, with the use of removable, folding partitions having resistance equivalent to four inches of concrete wall. As the departments grow larger, there will be no expense of tearing out partitions for future development. Seating cost for Junior through Adult Departments are cut in half, as the same area is used both for assembly and class rooms.

The Cliff Temple Church served as its own contractor, with its Building Committee, consisting of Ernest Hill, chairman, M. A. Goldman, Robert E. Huff, Foy Summers, and J. M. Toney, responsible for actual construction. In this manner, the \$42,000 building was erected for less than \$20,000. Robert E. Huff, local contractor, was employed as building superintendent.

Brick veneer, prefinished paneling, sky-lighted hallways, covered walkways, and insulated walls and ceilings, along with electric heat pumps designed for all season comfort, are incorporated in the building so as to blend with the present and future construction.

The educational building is the first in a series of new construction projects at the Cliff Temple Church, which will climax with the erection of a sanctuary. Present plans call for enlargement and redecoration of the present auditorium in the near future.

Rev. Billy L. Cooper is pastor. My children cannot learn new skills if I do all the work for them.—Joyce Dahlberg in April HOME LIFE.

Happiness is a by-product of an effort to make someone else happy.

Rev. Gwin T. Turner, pastor of Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg, will leave Monday, April 15, for a two-weeks preaching tour of Guatemala. The center of his activity will be the beautiful mountain city of Quetzaltenango, located some 7,800 feet above sea level. He will be the featured Bible study speaker at two of the semi-annual youth retreats held at Lake Atitlan, itself located 5,000 feet above sea level. Rev. Turner will also hold several one day Bible conferences in the local Baptist churches of the area.

Rev. Ted Lindwall, Southern Baptist missionary for that area, has arranged and scheduled this series of speaking engagements for Rev. Turner. Rev. Lindwall and his family have been serving in this area of Guatemala for about two years. The population of this area is principally Indian.

The Bowmar Avenue church is financing this undertaking as an added missionary project since their pastor is a former foreign missionary and speaks Spanish. Rev. and Mrs. Turner (the former Norma Jean Brasher) were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to Argentina in 1959. After spending the year of language study in Costa Rica they resigned on account of health problems. Rev. Turner has conducted services in Spanish churches in Panama, Costa Rica and Mexico, and now welcomes the opportunity to preach in the Baptist churches of Guatemala.

Upon Rev. Turner's return the Bowmar Avenue church will observe World Missions Week with the added freshness and personal touch of firsthand information from the foreign field.

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"The Church Library"— A Growing Term

By J. Elvin Reeves,
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The term "church library" is a growing term. Hundreds of churches are starting church libraries every year, and the existing libraries are growing in their service to the churches.

My own understanding of the church library ministry has grown. While I was assistant pastor at Daniel Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson, I knew there

was value in having a church library.

In fact, I carried books from the church library to a family which wanted to understand better what Baptists believe. When this family united with the church, the church library was partly responsible.

Since coming to the church library department one and one-half years ago, I have become increasingly aware of the potential of a church library. The potential of a church library is tied to the concept of a resource materials center.

The church library should secure, prepare, and circulate the resource materials needed by the organizations of a church.

These materials can strengthen Bible study, enrich Training Union programs, support missions, encourage evangelism, and undergird the stewardship emphasis. This is why I believe every church should have a church library.

Should Be Complete

Resource materials of all kinds should be a church library. This includes filmstrips, books, maps, recordings, magazines, and other items which are resource materials.

I am glad that Mississippi with 547 church libraries in over 1,800 churches is above average, in the number of churches with libraries. This spirit of progressiveness is seen in Calvary Baptist Church in Tupelo.

They are tripling their church library space and including audio-visuals as a part of the church library ministry. Their audio-visual storage cabinet is second to none. The term "church library" is still a growing term.

Mississippi Now In 15th Place

For the first time since 1946, Mississippi Baptist churches fell below the top ten states in total libraries established in one year.

In 1962 Mississippi placed 15th with 12 new libraries registering with the church library department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

The state has ranked as high as second place in 1954, when it registered a total of 32 new libraries. The lowest Mississippi placed before 1962 was ninth. This was in 1947 when the state reported 23 of the Southern Baptist Convention's total of 501 new libraries for the year.

At the end of 1962, the total number of libraries in the Baptist churches of Mississippi was 547. This means that about 30 per cent of the churches in the state are benefiting from the church library ministry.

However, the average for Mississippi is above the Convention average of 25 per cent. From a total of 32,600 Southern Baptist churches there were 8,406 church libraries registered with the church library department at the close of 1962.

Mississippi Library Work Predates That Of Southern Convention

NASHVILLE — The library ministry in the Baptist churches of Mississippi is no new thing. Indeed, library work in the state seems to be older than the Southern Baptist Convention itself.

The "History of Yalobusha Association" records the following action by the messengers of Yalobusha Association in 1844, a year before the founding of the Southern Baptist Convention in Augusta, Ga.:

"The first meeting of the Yalobusha County and Vicinity Bible Society met in conjunction with the association. An offering of \$105.00 was made to buy books from the American Baptist Publication Society. A committee was appointed to buy these books and establish a depository at Grenada 'for the good of the Baptist cause.' It is believed, though not stated in the record, that securing these books was a direct result of the Yalobusha County and Vicinity Bible Society."

The United States Peace Corps idea is spreading to other countries. A Dutch peace corps is being organized. Denmark, Norway, and Italy have begun development of similar organizations; and other countries, including Honduras and Costa Rica, have indicated that they hope to do so.

The National Safety Council has announced that American traffic accidents claimed a record number of lives—about 41,000—last year.

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LINN LIBRARY REACHES MANY

By Graves Collins, Pastor
Melrose Church, Bentonla
Linn Baptist Church in Sunflower County is, in the strictest sense, an "open country" church. It has served the people of that part of the Mississippi Delta since 1885.

Not only has it served its own community, but it has been and now is active in the work of the Southern Baptist Convention. One of its young people is now in pioneer work in Montana. In 1961 the church gave more than the usual 10 per cent of its total receipts to the Co-operative Program. The women and young people are active in missionary organizations. As further proof of its interest in an effective ministry, the church has a library.



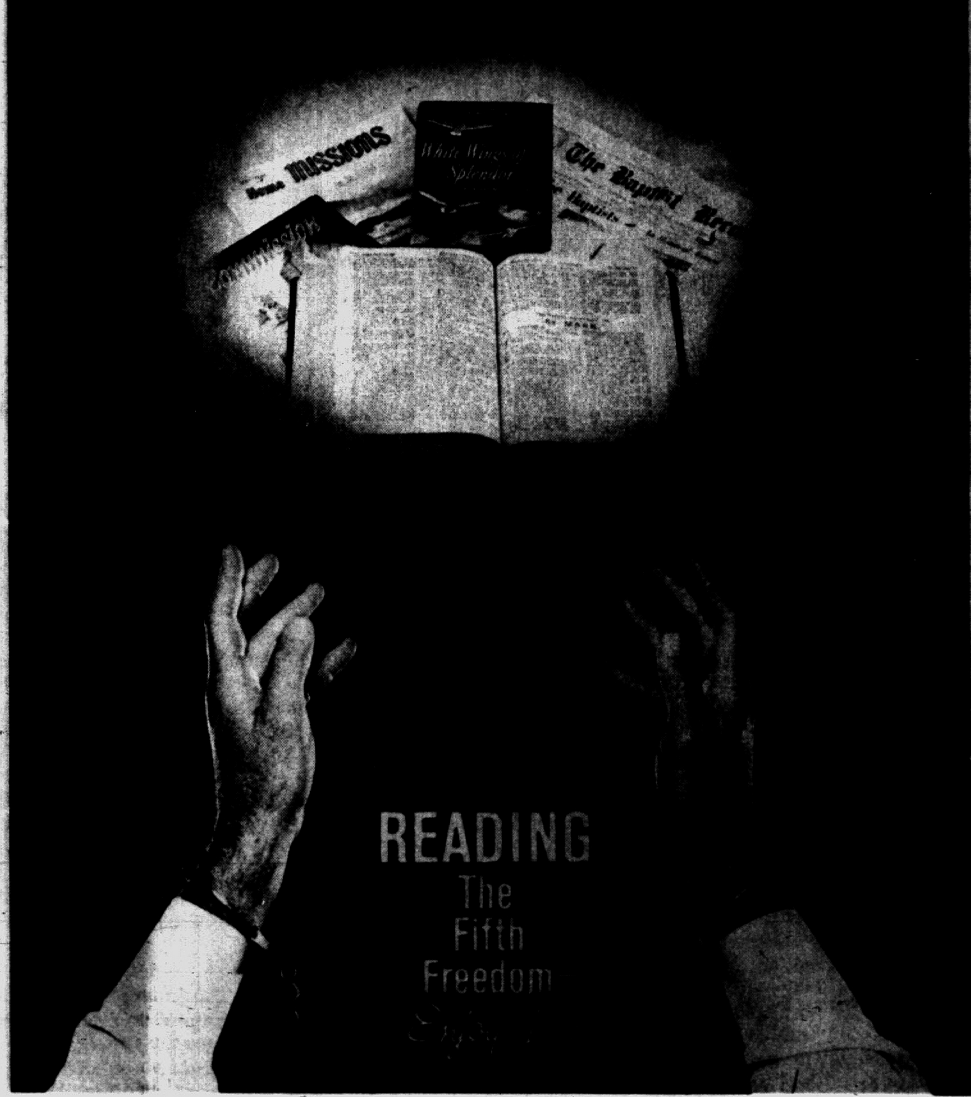
The Linn Baptist Church

A school teacher, Mrs. Margaret Knight, gave the first book. Many of the people followed Mrs. Knight's example, and with other books bought by the church, a library was begun.

\$1,500 Donated
The greatest boost to the library, however, was provided by Miss Elizabeth Crouch, a former member. Miss Crouch gave \$1,200 in memory of Mr. E. C. Case, asking that it be used for the library.

The library now has a wide selection of books, numbering around 1,000 volumes. It has been a vital part of the church's ministry, appreciated especially by the senior members and the young people.

CHURCH LIBRARY ENDS
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK AT



Free Booklets Ready

NASHVILLE — "First Steps in Preparing Books for the Shelves" is a new booklet available from the church library department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

The booklet gives ten illustrated steps which may be followed in processing books for the beginning church library. It is written so that individuals with no library training or with a limited education may adequately prepare books for lending.

Also, the booklet allows for growth of church libraries. When a library has enough books that a closer classification is needed, the Dewey Decimal system may be used with a minimum of trouble. No previous steps need be undone.

"First Steps" is the first of a series of booklets in simplification of processing materials for a church library. Booklets are being prepared for processing filmstrips and for processing vertical film materials, said Wayne E. Todd, department secretary.

The new booklet "Aid to the Classification and Cataloging of Mission Study Books" lists mission study books in the "World in Books" catalog. A classification number and one or more subject headings are given for each book.

The booklet "Aid to the Classification and Cataloging of Church Study Course Books" has been revised. It lists books now in print in the church study course and gives a classification number and one or more subject headings where needed.

CHURCH LIBRARY HAS VITAL VALUE

By Harold E. Ingraham
Director, Service Division,
Sunday School Board

We are asking a great army of amateurs to do the most important work on earth—the work of the churches, the spreading of the Gospel.

This cannot be done by professionals alone. It must be done by a great army of volunteer workers who are amateurs. True, it is their business for they are Christians, but they are not professionals. They do not have vocational training for these tasks.

They are not graduates of schools of pedagogy or theology. They are not masters of organized and listed psychological steps in how people learn or are motivated.

Every Southern Baptist church should and can have an adequate functioning church library. Working toward this end are Wayne E. Todd, secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board's church library department, and his staff of 18 workers.

The church library department exists to help over 32,000 Southern Baptist churches install and use libraries by providing materials and trained consultants. Pastors, denominational and church leaders, won't you help in this gigantic task?

Reading Clubs Pay Big Dividends

By Mrs. J. V. Myers, Librarian
First Church, Brookhaven

As we consider the library's opportunity to supplement the efforts of various church organizations, we realize that members need guidance in their reading.

An excellent plan of guidance may be found in reading clubs which suggest books from lists which include fiction, non-fiction, biography, and religion.

I have seen church members in reading clubs grow from occasional readers to consistent readers, looking to the library for help in their church and home life. They have been convinced that the library has facilities for meeting many needs. At first, many adults felt that a reading club was for children. When they realized that each age group has a selected list, they became interested. Individual reading records show the worth of a reading club, as the circulation more than doubled each week.

Through a reading club, many have come to know the value of a church library and the help it can be to them. Also, many new readers have been gained.

DAILY CHRISTIAN LIVING by William S. Deal (Baker, leatherette, \$1.00).

A scripture text and a brief devotional message for each day of the year. Prepared as a companion volume for the volume, The Christian's Daily Guide.

66 JEWISH GROUPS FILED BRIEF ON PRAYER, BIBLE

NEW YORK (JNS)—Sixty-six Jewish religious and civic bodies submitted a joint brief before the U.S. Supreme Court in support of suits challenging religious exercises in the public schools.

A friend-of-the-court brief was introduced as the high Court reviewed evidence in cases testing the constitutionality of the recitation of the Lord's prayer and daily Bible readings in Maryland and Pennsylvania public schools.

Signing the brief were the Synagogue Council of America, representing Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jewish congregational and rabbinical bodies; and the National Community Relations Advisory Council, comprising six national Jewish agencies and 37 local Jewish community councils across the country.

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Church Libraries In SBC Listed

NASHVILLE — Of the 1,820 Southern Baptist churches in Mississippi, 30.1 per cent have libraries registered with the church library department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Hawaii leads the other states in the Southern Baptist Convention with 75 per cent of its churches having libraries. Texas has 1,520 libraries—the largest number registered in one state.

The total number of registered libraries in the Convention is 8,466, or 26 per cent.

This information has been released in connection with the emphasis on church libraries during National Library Week, April 21-27. The 1963 theme for the week is "Reading: the —THIRTY

Church Library Conferences At Assemblies

NASHVILLE—"Our Mission in World Missions" is the 1963 theme for the church library conferences at Ridgecrest (N. C.) and Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist assemblies.

In announcing the theme, Wayne E. Todd, secretary of the church library department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, said, "It is in keeping with the 1963 theme of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. Using this theme, the conference will show how the individual church library can relate to the mission task of the church."

The church library conference at Glorieta will be held Aug. 8-14, and the conference at Ridgecrest will be Aug. 22-28. These conferences provide opportunities for learning how to begin a library, as well as technical information on all aspects of advanced library work.

Those desiring more information about the conferences may write to: Church Library Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Ave. N., Nashville 3, Tenn.

For reservations, write to: E. A. Herron, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, N. M., or Willard K. Weeks, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C.



REV. WAYNE E. TODD, secretary of the Church Library Department of the Sunday School Board, formerly lived in Mississippi, having been a pastor of both First Church in Brookhaven and Daniel Memorial Church in Jackson.

MOAK'S CREEK TO PRESENT EASTER PLAY

The second annual Easter Pageant, entitled "The Breaking of the Bread," will be presented at Moak's Creek Church, Lincoln County, on Friday evening, April 12 at 7:30. The pageant is sponsored by the Training Union and features the Church Choir under the direction of Judson Johnson, Minister of Music and Mrs. C. A. Thornhill, organist. Rev. Emory Green, pastor, serves as narrator.

The Biblical characters are portrayed by Mrs. E. Johnson as Ruth, a housewife of Emmaus; Jody Johnston as Judith, her daughter; Mrs. Murphy Price as Deborah, a neighbor; Mrs. Ann Green as Zillah, a poor widow; Mr. Marion Johnston as Phineas, Ruth's husband; and Wendell Johnston as Joel, her son. Miss Julia Moak, Training Union director, is co-ordinator of the pageant.

Peace Theme Set For Assemblies

NASHVILLE (BP) — "The things that make for peace" is the theme for the annual Christian life commission summer conferences at two Southern Baptist Convention assemblies.

The week at Glorieta, N. M., Baptist Assembly is Aug. 8-14. At Ridgecrest, N. C., it is Aug. 22-28.

Charles Wells of Princeton, N. J., Christian lecturer and writer, is expected to appear at both weeks. So will Charles Wellborn, former Waco, Tex., pastor, now working on a graduate degree at the divinity school of Duke University, Durham, N. C.

Jimmy Allen, director of the Christian life commission for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas, will appear at Glorieta. Bill Pinson, who moved from the Texas commission to a teaching post at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, also will speak at the New Mexico assembly.

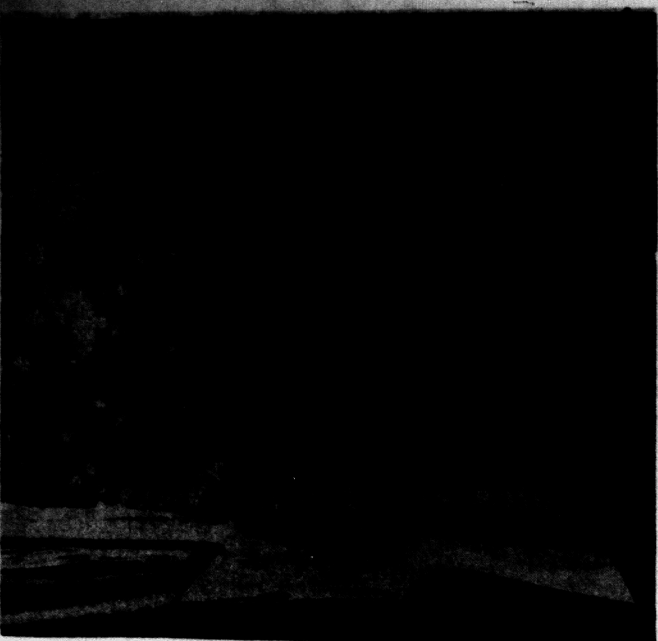
Carlyle Marney, pastor, Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.; and Frank P. Graham, United Nations mediator and former senator from North Carolina, also speaks on the Ridgecrest program.

The topics under study include, "Biblical insights and the concept of peace," "A historical view of Christians and peace," "The United Nations: an instrument of peace," "The imperative of peace and the nuclear age," "missions and peace," "things that threaten peace," "the things that make for peace," "practical steps for peace."

Mt. Zion Plans Homecoming Day

Mount Zion Church, Simpson County, will observe Homecoming Day the first Sunday in May. "All former pastors, members and friends are invited to come and enjoy a day of fellowship and see the old building since it has been repaired," states the pastor, Rev. Sutton Smith.

Dinner will be served on the grounds.



BSSB AND SEMINARIES CO-OPERATE—NASHVILLE — Mrs. William H. Southern of New Orleans (left) and Miss Olean Taylor of Nashville are shown discussing plans for the operation of the children's buildings at Ridgecrest (N.C.) and Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist assemblies this summer. Mrs. Southern, instructor of childhood education at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will direct the work at Ridgecrest. Miss Taylor, public-school teacher, will be at Glorieta to supervise the work there.

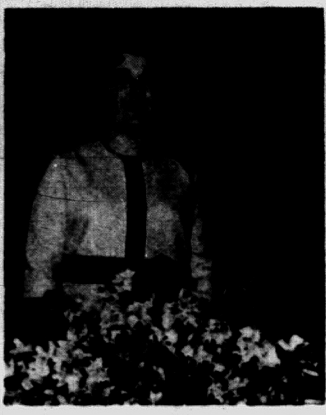
Silver Springs Homecoming April 28

Silver Springs Church near Oayka will observe Homecoming Day on Sunday, April 28, announces Rev. J. K. Moore, pastor.

Rev. Joe Lovelady, a former pastor at Silver Springs, now pastor at Edgewater Church, New Orleans, will deliver the morning message. The morning audience will also hear a review of the church's history.

Following dinner on the ground at 12:30, an afternoon music and fellowship program will begin at 2:00. This will include congregational singing, testimonials, and special music by local and visiting musicians.

During the last fifty years, earnings of the average production worker in the United States factories have gone up from 22 cents an hour to \$2.41. Buying power of this worker, adjusted for higher prices, is up 196 per cent, even though he now works fewer hours per week.



JACKANELL McQUEEN, William Carey College student was featured missionary speaker on Tuesday, April 2, for the Woman's Missionary Union of First Church, Hattiesburg. Jackanell was a 1942 summer missionary under the Home Mission Board and spent 10 weeks working among the Creek and Seminole Indians of Oklahoma. Jackanell, a junior at Carey, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McQueen of Piquette.

A child's question, however awkward, always deserves a thoughtful and honest answer. —David Gunston in April HOME LIFE.

BMC Presents Betsy Moore In Art Exhibition

On Thursday evening, April 18, from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m., the Art Department of Blue Mountain College, Miss Mary Crenshaw, Director, will present Miss Betsy Moore, Blue Mountain, and Rome, Italy, in her Senior Art Exhibition. Her works will be on display in the drawing rooms of Whitfield Residence Hall.

Miss Moore is now serving as treasurer of the campus Athletic Association; program chairman of the Eunomian Society; Enrollment Chairman of the Baptist Student Union; Art Editor of the Mountaineer, college yearbook; and is included in the Feature Section of the yearbook, as Queen of the May. She will reign over the 1953 May Festival on Saturday, May 4. Her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. Dewey Moore, are missionaries serving in Rome, Italy.

MANHATTAN SPANISH WORK A YEAR OLD

Year-old Spanish department of Manhattan Baptist Church, New York City, counted 137 persons present for the preaching service on their anniversary Sunday. In Sunday School were 83 persons, with 36 in Training Union. The day's offering was \$305.11, including \$154.81 for home missions. Leonardo Estrada, director of Home Mission Language Missions in New York City metropolitan area, is in charge of the department, with Dr. Paul S. James as pastor-director. The church has received 53 new members during the year through its Spanish ministry. (BP)

RICHBURG BUYS BUS

Richburg Church, Lebanon Association, is buying a church bus, according to the pastor, Rev. R. F. Moore.

In the past year, the church has completed a 21-room educational plant.

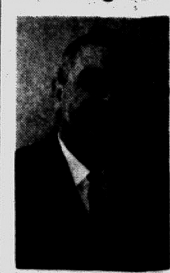
There have been 21 additions to the church this year. In recent weeks the Sunday school attendance has increased from 55 to 81.

DEVOTIONAL—

"Are We Consistent?"

By Rev. O. B. Beverly
Pastor, Woodville Church

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." I think we as a people have gotten a long way from what God told us to do. I have heard parents weepingly say, "I taught my child to do right; why did this have to happen?" Are we, as sensible people, trying to kid ourselves into believing that by following the present way of rearing our children we are doing what God commanded?



Are our children different from the children of other generations? Why are so many young people going astray? Where does the blame lie? Certainly not with God who said they would not depart from the way they were trained. Look at our present training program. Look at our youth of today. Are they not actually doing what they are taught?

For the last thirty years people have been indoctrinated with a philosophy which teaches children should be allowed to grow up unhindered by any sort of restraints lest their personalities be warped. People have actually come to believe this. They absolutely refuse to correct their children. They never tell them "no" and very seldom that "they must." When someone else tells them "they must," the parents almost jump on those doing the telling. We find this idea cropping up even in Sunday school between parent and teacher. "Don't make my child do anything he doesn't want to do," the parents say.

This philosophy has been taught the instructors in Sunday school and in day schools until they practice it. "Channel their minds," they are told; "never scold or tell them they have to do anything." Often teachers would like to take an unruly child and paddle him for his own sake but parents say, "You mustn't touch my little darling."

When these children get to college, they are more or less on their own; parents are not there any more. The child begins to practice what he has been taught. He says, "Now I can have anything I want; no one dares tell me I can't." The laws of society are broken as he takes what he wants. They gather on the seashore in crowds and defy the laws of the communities and the laws of morality with all sorts of indignities. If the officers interfere and arrest them, parents and society cry out that young people are being persecuted.

Some time ago Judge William Obermiller, a city judge in Chicago, took a strange course in administering punishment to teenagers who had broken the law and whose parents had refused to bring up their children properly and correctly and had refused to let teachers do it for them. He had a group paddled in open court. Parents and society howled, but he continued his corrective punishment. Today young people in his district have a different attitude toward the world.

When a boy or girl finishes college, he is faced with the laws of our society which say, "Do and don't do; if you don't heed you must suffer the penalty." Young people who have been reared under this modern philosophy say, "Who are you to tell me I cannot do as I please? I've been taught no one will say 'no, you can't.'" Results, he is arrested. Parents say, "I taught my child right; why did he do this?"

We need to ask ourselves, "Aren't we teaching a contradiction?" Why not read what God says again, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."



DR. JOHN G. McCALL, pastor, at left, presents a certificate of recognition to P. E. Cunningham for his long service at First Church, Vicksburg, as Mrs. Cunningham looks on.

P. E. Cunningham Honored For Long Church Service

Pinkney Edward Cunningham, who has been a deacon of the church at a dinner, Tuesday night, March 26.

J. P. White, chairman of deacons, served as master of ceremonies. Principal speaker for the occasion was Purser Hewitt, executive editor of the Jackson Clarion-Ledger.

Others on the program were Dr. I. C. Knox, Jr., who gave a humorous talk entitled, "Tall Tales," and Mrs. Nolan Daughtry who sang a solo accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Ann Yates.

The deacons presented Mr. Cunningham with a framed certificate in recognition and appreciation of his long and faithful service to the church. Presentation was made by Dr. John G. McCall, pastor.

Mr. Cunningham, one of two life deacons of the church, joined the First Baptist Church in 1909. He became a deacon in 1922 and has served as life deacon since 1940.

Positions of service he has held have also included chairman of the deacons for many years, teacher of a men's Bible class, superintendent of Adult Sunday School Department, member of the Finance Committee of the church, chairman of the entire Building Committee during the construction of the new building and leader of the Cunningham Training Union.

In addition to this, he has served as moderator of the Warren County Baptist Association. He has been active in all its work including mis-

sions, and is presently serving as representative from Warren County on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

A biographical sketch on the printed programs gave interesting highlights to Mr. Cunningham's career.

He was born in Gonzales, Texas, on Aug. 22, 1884, where his father had moved following the Civil War. After attending public schools in Texas, he entered Texas A & M and received his degree in civil engineering in 1907.

He came to Vicksburg as a young man and worked for the U. S. Corps of Engineers until his retirement in September 1954. During World War II he was chief of the Engineering Division and, at the time of his retirement, was in charge of reports and hearings.

In 1913 Mr. Cunningham married Annie Hunt, whose family had moved to Vicksburg from Cary. The Cunninghams have six children and fifteen grandchildren.

Among those present for the appreciation dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Murray Hunt Cunningham of New Orleans, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bryant of Edwards, and Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Cunningham, Jr., Vicksburg.

Charles E. Jennings, the other life deacon of the church, gave the invocation.

Drink does not drown your troubles, but irrigates them.



Dr. A. O. Collins

To Teach At Houston College

Dr. Alvin O. Collins submitted his resignation as pastor at Fifteenth Avenue Church, Meridian, on March 31, to become effective in June. He has accepted a position as Professor of Old Testament at Houston Baptist College, Houston, Texas.

He is a native of Myrtle, Mississippi, and is a graduate of Mississippi College and the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. During World War II, he served as Navy chaplain. He was pastor of churches in Indiana and Kentucky while in the Seminary and came to the pastorate of Fifteenth Avenue in 1930 from the First Church, Booneville.

Mrs. Collins is the former Margaret Gordon of Owensboro, Kentucky. They have 2 sons, Wayne, 7, and Bobby, 5.

English Church Formed In Rome

An English-language Baptist church was organized in Rome, Italy, on Sunday, March 10, with 13 charter members, two of them sons and grandsons of early Southern Baptist missionaries to Italy.

Robert B. Whittinghill, an attaché in the diplomatic corps of the American embassy, made the motion that the church be organized. Whittinghill, accepting that motion was his brother, George D. Whittinghill, the American consul general. They are sons of the late Dr. and Mrs. Dexter G. Whittinghill and grandsons of the late Dr. and Mrs. George Boardman Taylor.

Dedication Of Center Precedes Baptist Revivals

A four-day inauguration of the new Baptist Center in San Jose, Costa Rica, served as a kickoff for two weeks of simultaneous revival meetings which began in the 13 Baptist churches and six missions of the country March 3.

The theme for the inauguration, held February 27-March 2, was "Missions: the Message, the Method, and the Motive." Dr. Walter L. Moore, pastor of Vineville Baptist Church, Macon, Ga., was guest speaker the first three nights, challenging the capacity crowds to live to the fullest for Christ. The actual dedication of the new building took place the third night.

The inauguration ended with a youth rally on Saturday, sponsored by the Costa Rican National Baptist Youth Association. Rev. Luis Quilo, pastor of Bethany Baptist Church, Guatemala City, Guatemala, was speaker.

Evangelists for the simultaneous revivals came from Guatemala, Panama, Colombia, the United States, and Costa Rica.

The Baptist Center, located a block from the University of Costa Rica and a block from the Pan-American Highway, houses a university student center, the Costa Rican Theological Institute, a book store, and offices of the Costa Rican Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) and of the Costa Rican Baptist Convention.

Rev. L. Laverne Gregory is Mission president; Rev. Sydney L. Goldfinch, Sr., is Mission treasurer; and Dr. Thomas W. Hill is missionary director of the theological institute.

College Has Overseas Club

An overseas students' union has been established at Hong Kong Baptist College to foster closer relationships and mutual understanding among the students who come from all over Southeast Asia and to help them experience, analyze, and accept the Christian philosophy of life.



SENECA Church (Tate County) officially dedicated its educational building Sunday afternoon, March 24. Rev. Charles O. Pate of Senatobia gave the dedicatory message and Roland Shaw and the Northwest Miss. Junior College Concert Ensemble presented the music. Rev. Claude Howe, Sr. is pastor of the church.

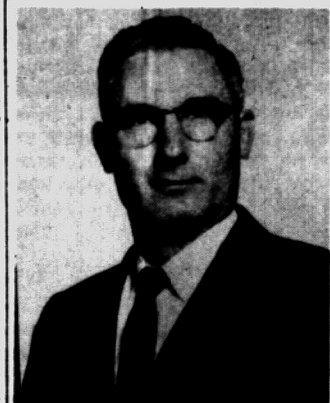
1,008 Attend Evangelism Meet In State Of Rio

One thousand and eight people, representing 102 Baptist churches, registered for the first evangelism convention for Baptists in the state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, held February 11-15. Six other denominations were also represented. Among the participants were 82 pastors.

The convention was promoted jointly by the state Baptist board and the evangelism department of the Brazilian Baptist Home Mission Board. Host was the First Baptist Church of Niteroi, which has a new building seating around 2,000.

Seven persons professed faith in Christ as Saviour on the last night of the meeting. Among these was a man who had studied five years for the priesthood. He and three others were baptized into the Niteroi church two weeks after the convention.

Also during the convention 28 people dedicated their lives for full-time Christian service, in response to an appeal made by Dr. David Gomes, secretary of the Brazilian Home Mission Board.



JIM TOUCHSTONE was licensed to the gospel ministry by Ohio Church, Sumrall, on Sunday night, February 17. Rev. Touchstone, who delivered the evening message at Ohio on that date, is employed by the Local Carpenters' Union of Hattiesburg. He plans to enroll in school, to begin preparation for the ministry. Rev. Earl V. Jackson is pastor of the Ohio Church.

Russia's camera fans are being urged to "do their bit" in the war against religion. A contest for the best atheistic photo has been announced by the State Museum of the History of Religion in Leningrad, the Ministry of Culture of the U. S. S. R.

299 Attend Camps In Paraguay

A total of 299 persons attended the five weeks of summer camps sponsored by Baptists in Paraguay, and 80 of them registered decisions for Christ. The camp program began December 3 with a week for English-speaking children and young people. Then four weeks for Spanish-speaking people were held January 7-February 2.

Each week's activities included Bible study, preaching, study courses, handicraft, and sports. The Baptist camp site is at Itacurubi, 50 miles from Asuncion, the Paraguayan capital.

There were 54 campers during the English-speaking week, and eight made decisions. This group included 4 children of North Americans stationed in Paraguay for various reasons and of missionaries of several denominations working in the country. Dr. Wilbur C. Lewis, Southern Baptist missionary, was camp pastor.

The first Spanish-speaking camp was for intermediates, with 57 in attendance. There were 11 decisions. Southern Baptist Missionary Leland J. Harper and Pastor Daniel C. Ballero served as co-directors.

Seventy-two Juniors had camp next, and 43 made decisions. Co-directors that week were Dr. William Skinner, also a Southern Baptist missionary, and Pastor Elias Frans.

They Drive 115 Miles A Day For Classes

GRACEVILLE, Fla. (BP)—Twice around the earth—that's how far Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cowan will have driven to classes when they finish at Baptist Bible Institute here in May. And this is only since March, 1952.

That's when he became pastor of the Fredonia Baptist Church in Thomas County, Georgia. Only halfway through their academic study here, they determined to complete the three semesters by commuting daily, 115 miles each way.

When Cowan celebrated his first anniversary, March 1, his original car was junked; he had driven almost 40,000 miles to classes.

Mrs. Cowan reads and discusses their lessons while he drives the five hours, five days a week. On their way, they leave their two children with a deacon, Kenneth Hubbard, who delivers them to school.

The children ride home on the school bus, usually arriving about 10 minutes ahead of their parents.

German Tent Mission Plans 100 Crusades

BAD HOMBURG, Germany — (BWA) — The Evangelical Free Church Union in Germany will use eleven tents in a total of more than 100 evangelistic crusades throughout West Germany over a period of almost five months beginning in May. This announcement comes from Rev. Herbert Weinert, one of five full-time evangelists for the program.

Five large tents are used, each with a seating capacity of between 300 and 400 people. Six smaller ones seating about 250 each. One of the largest tents remains in West Berlin.

There are 227 churches in the Evangelical Free Church Union, most of them Baptist. It conducts the largest tent evangelism program in the country, says Mr. Weinert.



Dr. Samuel G. Shepard

First, Tupelo Has New Pastor

Dr. Samuel G. Shepard has been named pastor of Tupelo's First Church.

Dr. Shepard, his wife and their two children, have moved into their home at 635 Highland Circle, Tupelo.

Dr. Shepard was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and received his elementary and high school education in the New Orleans, La., public school system. His higher education includes an AB Degree, with a major in History, from Furman University, study in Duke University Law School for one year, and a ThD degree from Southern Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

He was a chaplain in the U. S. Navy during World War II and is still in the Reserves.

Dr. Shepard has pastored chronologically, churches in Nicholasville, Ky., Carruthersville, Mo., Paducah Ky., and Erlanger, Ky.

Churches In The News

Providence Church, Lawrence County, Rev. D. A. Martin, pastor, has begun a Fellowship Hour for Intermediates and Young People following the 7:00 p.m. service on Sunday nights. Mrs. Bobby Beard and Mrs. Purvis Brister are in charge.

Midway Church, Jackson County, has secured an electric organ donated by Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Walker of Pascagoula.